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In Bosnia, Diplomats Say: Peace Is Still Near, So Try Again

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

GENEVA — Despite the breakdown of the latest peace talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina, the three warring parties were apparently so close to agreement that diplomats here were still hopeful Thursday that Muslims. Serbs and .Croats would soon try again to end the Bosnian

After Bosnian Serbs rejected a peace plan this spring, the immediate result was a surge in fighting between Serbs and Muslims and between Croats and Muslims, with the Muslims for the first time scoring significant successes against the Croats in central Bosnia.

This time, however, while the danger of in-

tensified warfare exists, all three parties have pledged to respect a shaky cease-fire, and, per-haps most significantly, the Serbian Army ap-pears to have no interest in occupying more than the 70 percent of Bosnian territory already

Further, although the Muslims were in the end unable to endorse a peace plan drawn up by international mediators Aug. 20, they as well as the Serbs and Croats insist that the plan is

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service

sion ended, Italian investigators say, the mob-sters of the Mafia appear to have have gone east

to seek new pickings. And the investigators say

their prospects seem pretty good.

For one thing, there is Western money flowing, along with an unleashed ardor for getting rich quick, whether from free enterprise or

There are porous borders from the Caucasus

to the Urals, convenient for drug smuggling.

And, since the stirrings of democracy have

overtaken such secret-police tradecraft as

thumbscrews and dank dungeons, it is thought there is not too much chance of getting caught

by law agencies untutored to the ways of plain

"The presence of Italians pursuing ill-defined businesses" in Bulgaria, Romania, Hun-

gary, Czechoslovakia and Russia "has certainly

alarmed the totelligence and law-enforcement

agencies of our country," said Luigi Rossi, a

In particular, he said, "the current events in

Yugoslavia, which aren't exactly peaceful, and

in other ountries of the East enable organized

crime to recycle illicitly earned funds without

With the Italian authorities recording unusu-

al successes against the mob in Italy, the spreading tentacles of "the octopus" — as the Mafia is often called here — might have seemed a sign of weakness, since much of the tradition-

al strength of organized crime lies in its ability

Milan and Rome. Italian investigators are voic-

Kiosk

Key Figure in Loans

To Iraq Pleads Guilty

WASHINGTON (Reuters) --- Christo-

pher Drogoul, a key figure in the case of

illegal loans to Iraq made by the Atlanta

branch of Italy's Banca Nazionale del La-voro, pleaded guilty Thursday to two charges of making false statements to the Federal Reserve Board and to one count

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of wire fraud.

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Yet, after a season of bombs in Florence.

to operate with impunity on its home turf.

narcotics or prostitution.

old-fashioned crime.

senior police investigator.

too many risks."

ROME - Since Europe's ideological divi-

Mafia Finds Land of Plenty

In the New Eastern Europe

"still on the table" and that they are ready to Bosnia-Herzegovina into three autonomous rereturn to Geneva for more bargaining.

"I would say that it's not a time to be pessimistic," a senior U.S. official said. "There is no reason to despair at this point. Yes, we're disappointed, but we hope the parties will come back as soon as possible to complete this negotia-

President Bill Clinton said Thursday the North Atlantic Treaty Organization remained

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ready to launch air strikes against Serb positions if called upon to do so by the United Nations, "If while talks are to abeyance there is abuse by those who would seek to interfere with humanitarian aid - attacking protected areas, resume the sustained shelling of Sarajevo, for example, — then first I would remind you that the NATO military option is very much alive," Mr. Clinton said.

But diplomats here discounted any military intervention in Bosnia while an agreement to end the 17-month war was still within reach. All sides have already agreed to partition

ing worries that activities of the Mafia to East-

ern Europe, sometimes in partnership and sometimes in competition with local crime syn-

dicates, present a new challenge.

One magistrate to Florence, Piero Luigi

Vigna, has even voiced fears that the moh may

be irying to go nuclear.
"There is a very real possibility," he told a recent conference, "that the Malia and orga-

nized crime in general could come into posses-

sion of chemical, nuclear and biological weap-

Since late last year, tovestigators have grown

increasingly concerned that the end of the Cold

War has given the Mafia access to new weapons

to bolster its traditional trade in gunrunning. In November 1992 near Rimini, police offi-

cers unearthed a cache of weapons from East-

ern Europe that included anti-tank rocket

launchers and were said to be destined for the

siles were found aboard a freighter in the south-

ern Italian port of Taranto, bound for the

former Yugoslavia, In February in Trieste, another freighter was impounded after it was found to be carrying explosives and other weapons from the former Yugoslavia.

A smaller cache, iocluding the potent Czech-made explosive Semtex, was unearthed to Sici-

Over the last year, according to Interior Min-isar Nicola Mancino, Italian authorities have discovered 400 undefined "weapons of war," 238 bombs and missiles and 1.3 tons of explo-

"After 1991, we could get everything we

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wanted, particularly explosives," one informer, Salvatore Annacondia, was said to have told

Vatican Sends

Envoy to China

ROME — Hoping for a thaw in its chilly ties with China, the Vatican sent a senior

diplomat, Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, to a sporting event Thursday that begins this weekend in Beijing. He is the highest ranking Roman Catholic Church official to visit Chi-

na since the Communists took over in 1949.

China's National Athletic Games, the Vati-

can said. It added, however, that Cardinal

Etchegaray, 70, a French prelate and senior

member of the Vatican's Congregation for

the Oriental Churches, would also meet in

Beijing with "government personalities."
The visit evoked for many here China's

invitation to an American table tennis team

that accompanied the thaw in Chinese-Amer-

ican relations leading to President Richard Nixon's visit in 1972.

It comes amid signs that both Beijing and Catholic church leaders are seeking to renew

a relationship that has essentially been frozen

since the Communist leadership founded the

state-controlled Chinese Patriotic Catholic

Association in the 1950s, and ordered Chi-

nese citizens faithful to Catholicism to re-

nounce papal and Vatican authority.

The invitation came from the organizers of

ly, the moh's beartland, in April.

In January, scores of surface-to-surface mis-

publics with a weak central government that would control only foreign policy and trade. They have also agreed to place Sarajevo and Mostar under toternational administration for

a two-year period,
But, while the Serbs and Croats accepted a map prepared by the European Community negotiator, Lord Owen, and the UN envoy, Thorvald Stoltenberg, delineating the borders of the republics, the Muslims returned to the egotiations here this week with demands for additional territory.

The mediators' map would give the Muslims percent of the territory, compared with the percent they now control; the Serbs, who occupy 70 percent, would retain slightly over 52 percent and would be required to pull back from various fronts. The Croats now have 20 percent and would be left with almost 18 per-

But Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia's Muslim-dominated government, argued that the plan "rewarded" Serbian aggression and asked for Bosnia to be awarded more land in eastern and northwestern Bosnia as well as

part of Neum on the Adriatic Sea, which would Bosnia's only port.

During totense talks with the mediators Wednesday, the Serbian leader Radovan Karadzic offered a two-mile-wide corridor - instead of the Muslim-controlled highway pro-posed under the peace plan — linking the Srebrenica-Zepa enclave and Gorazde. The Croatian leader Mate Boban in turn said the Muslims could buy land in Neum and build their own port.
Diplomats said that President Stobodan Mi-

losevic of Serbia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia had pressured Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Boban, respectively, to be flexible. But when no new offers were forthcoming, Mr. Izetbegovic refused to sign the draft agreement

The question now is, what can the Muslims do to force the Serbs and Croats to meet their demands? A month ago, Mr. Izetbegovic was hopeful that NATO would launch air strikes on Serbian artillery positions threatening Sarajevo, a move that would presumably have bolstered his bargaining position.

But there were no air strikes, and with the Serbs easing the siege of Sarajevo in recent before an international war-crimes tribunal.

for such action. "The Serbs will do nothing to give anyone an excuse for air strikes," one UN official said. "They're going to be very careful."

On Thursday, Mr. Karadzic forgot his earlier threats to crush the Muslims if they failed to accept the draft agreement, pledging instead to respect the cease-fire and calling on other nations "not to miss this opportunity for peace."

Unable to change the military balance on their own, the Muslims can only hope to win concessions through diplomatic pressure.

Diplomats said they now expected both Washington and European Community governments to tell Bosnia's Serbs and Croats and Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Tudjman that they will not accept renewed warfare and that they insist on an early political settlement.

In this, they have two potential weapons: the promise that economic sanctions against Serbia will be lifted as soon as a peace accord is implemented in good faith; and the suggestion that an early agreement could protect senior Serbian and Croatian leaders from prosecution

PLO Hopeful On Pact With Israelis Over Recognition

Peres, Also Optimistic, Says the Palestinians Must Make First Move

By Roger Cohen

New York Times Service
TUNIS — Senior Palestine Liberation Organization officials said Thursday that they were within imminent reach of a mutual recognition agreement with Israel, an agreement on which the future of their embattled leader. Yasser

Arafat, now appears to hinge.

The first move, however, is up to the PLO, according to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Mr. Peres, speaking in Brussels, said Israel was seeking mutual recognition "as early as possi-hle" and had specified the wording of a recogni-

He said be believed the PLO was waiting to recognize Israel at the same time as it signed a declaration of principles on self-rule to the Gaza Strip and Jericho, which the Israeli cahinet approved earlier this week. "It could take another two days, it could take

another two weeks," he said.

Israel is also ready to adopt a draft peace pact with Jordan, Mr. Peres said, adding that

In the Gaza Strip, faint hope for some kind of

a lasting peace soon. Page 5. But in Israel, the word "security" ren key to any kind of peace. Page 5.

"it is up to the Jordanians to take out their pen and sign the agreement."

Bassam Abu Sharif, a close aide to Mr. Arafat said in a brief telephone interview in Tunis that "things are moving ahead quickly toward a recognition accord with Israel, which we expect within days."

He made it clear that be expected U.S. recognition of the PLO to follow soon afterward.

Mr. Arafat traveled Thursday to Morocco to confer with King Hassan II, but be was expected to return to Tunis later in the day and call a meeting of the Central Committee of his El Fatah faction of the PLO, the largest and most moderate single group within the organization. Bolstered by probable backing from El Fatah, Mr. Arafat would then seek approval from the Executive Committee of the PLO, informed

Although there is much opposition to the plan within the PLO — and one executive committee member, the Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, quit last were in protest — Western officials to Tunis believe Mr. Arafat retains enough authority to secure at least the tacit support of his organization.

But they said they believed it was now essential for Mr. Arafat to move ahead quickly on mutual recognition and on signing the agreement in principle for Palestinian self-rule.

"Having taken this risk on peace because he saw that his support within the Palestinian movement was fast croding, Arafat must now produce the goods," said a senior Western diplomat. "There are no reserves of patience if the current momentum disappears."

It will not be easy for Mr. Arafat to assert his authority in the Gaza Strip, where the Tunis leadership of the PLO has long seemed distant

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Embattled Thai Commuters Win Round

Yasser Arafat leaving Tunis for Rabat, Morocco, where he held discussions with King Hassan II on the self-rule pact with Israel.

By Michael Richardson

In Bungkok, a city of legendary traffic jams, Thai transit authorities used a court order Thursday to force the opening of a new express-way that had been closed for five months by a dispute over the collection of tolls.

To win the court decree, officials cited the risk of an uprising by furious motorists. The action followed an unusual personal

appeal by Queen Sirikit, who asked to a hirth-day message last month for something to end the gridlock. She said it was putting her subjects in a bad mood and threatening the capital's reputation as the "City of Angels." "Bangkok is becoming desperate," the queen

Then, on top of the normal traffic conges-

angry public denunciations of the government apparent inability to ease the situation.

"Everyone's tempers are short," said Kenneth L. White, managing director of Pacific Siam Strategic Consultancy in Bangkok. He said that traffic congestion was "becoming more and more of a frustration to daily life, and any attempt to alleviate that is something compelling for a democratically elected govern-

Hundreds of thousand of residents of the city's onter suburbs, faced with two-way commutes totaling six hours and more, have not made it home before midnight.

Many children have to get up by 4 A.M. to make their first class at 7:30 A.M., a schedule

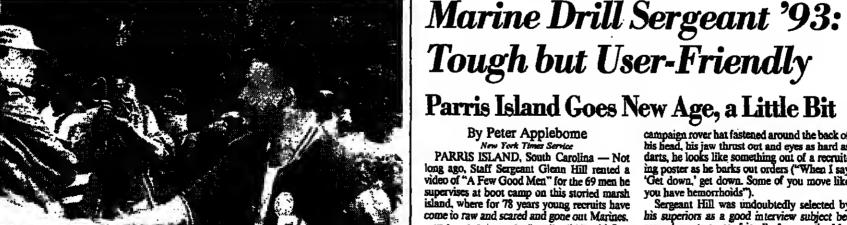
tion, flooding from heavy rains brought the city adopted by public schools in Bangkok just two of 8 million to a virtual standstill, prompting months ago in the vain hope that it might help to spread out the traffic. In further evidence of commuter impatience,

hundreds of drivers barged onto the disputed expressway Thursday before the official opening ceremony ended. The 21-kilometer (13-mile) section of elevated expressway was built at a cost of \$800

million by a Japanese-led consortium. On Tuesday, the Expressway and Rapid Transit Authority won a surprise court order requiring the consortium to open the road or turn it over to

The transit authority's decision showed how the mounting commuter frustrations had be-

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"I loved that movie, I really did," said Ser-

geant Hill, the senior drill instructor in charge of First Battalion, Delta Company, Platoon 1069 here. "And I know guys like the Jack Nicholson character. But we're not all like that. You have guys who are willing to sit down and listen, and the ones that will sit down and listen can get a lot more accomplished than the ones who say it's my way or no way."

Come again? Make no mistake, Sergeant Hill is the real thing. He has been a Marine since he enlisted after high school to 1980. A 30-year-old former wrestler and football player, he stands 6 feet 2 inches, weighs 200 pounds (1.88 meters and 91 kilograms) and strides with authentic Marine Corps swagger. In his fatigues, with his green

campaign rover hat fastened around the back of his head, his jaw thrust out and eyes as hard as darts, he looks like something out of a recruiting poster as he barks out orders ("When I say 'Get down,' get down. Some of you move like

Sergeant Hill was undoubtedly selected by his superiors as a good interview subject because he puts a user-friendly face on the Marines. But Parris Island has gone from an allmale, closed-to-the-public, macbo preserve where the drill instructor's word was absolute. to a coeducational place where the public can now buy T-shirts and watch recruits train, and where recruits at orientation are told to report any tocident they consider abusive. It's still Parris Island, but these days it may

be Parris Island Lite.
The oldest of eight children who grew up in

Petersburg, Virginia, Sergeant Hill joined the Marines after a boyhood buddy suggested it. In 1986, he signed up for the bruising training program here that turns out about 290 drill empowerment fund to get a Palestinian government fund to get a Palesti

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EC Vows Funds For PLO, More Trade for Israel

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Community threw its support behind the new Middle East peace plan on Thursday, pledging aid to help the Palestinians achieve self-rule and deeper trade ties with Israel.

Jacques Delors, the president of the EC Commission, said the Community had a big role to play because of its own experience in building a durable European peace after World War II through closer trade links.

After a meeting here with tsrael's foreign ninister, Shimon Peres, Mr. Delors said he had not offered any specific amount of aid hut would urge EC foreign ministers to give a "full commitment" to support the peace plan at a meeting later this month.

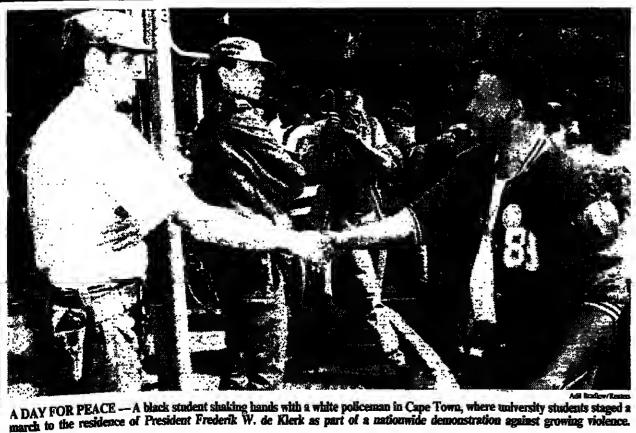
Although no figures were mentioned, Mr. Peres said he had received a "very positive reaction" to his request for aid to the occupied territories and closer trade ties between Israel and Europe. "The construction of the new Mid-dle East should be a joint venture between the United Europe and the United States." he said.

The European Community has been the big-gest Western donor to the Palestinians, providing aid of about 270 million European currency units (\$235 million) over the past five years, officials said. Hans van den Broek, the EC sioner for foreign affairs, said he would draw up a proposal next week to "intensify and accelerate" existing aid programs.

The Community has been pressed by its own members to step up aid to the Palestinians. On Wednesday, the French government urged its EC partners to come forward with support and Denmark joined with its Scandinavian neighbors to pledge \$250 million over five years.

The Community's immediate priority will be to provide money and technical assistance to help turn the PLO from a liberation movement to an effective provider of government services in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, Mr. Delors said. This will require management training as well as aid for education and health care, he said.

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A Wary Sarajevo **Profits From Lull**

By Chuck Sudetic New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Seizing full advantage of their longest reprieve from Serbian shelling in the 17-month-old Bosnian war, Sarajevans are taking back once-descrited streets and parks and, with defiance and foreboding, pondering how long the peace will

On Wednesday, city workers entered what was until just days ago a center-city shooting gallery for Serbian snipers and began sweeping up broken glass from around trolley cars gutted in a firefight between Bosnian Army and pro-Serbian Yugoslav Army troops on May 2, 1992. Water and electrical services are

spreading to neighborhoods that have been cut off for months. Buyers and sellers pushing carts

have begun pouring into city mar-kets to barter housewares, garden

vegetables and clothing.
"I hope the hell is over," said
Senad, an off-duty Bosnian Army soldier and father of three daughters who was selling wire and metal products from his workshop to

Clinton Is Urged To Strike Serbs

WASHINGTON - In an open letter to President Bill Clinton, former Prime Mioister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, former Secre-tary of State George P. Shuitz and nearly one hundred other signers from across a wide political spectrum have appealed for NATO air strikes against Serbian military tar-gets in Bosnia-Herzegovina and airfields in neighboring Serbia.

The letter also called on Mr. Clinton to help arm the Muslim-led Bosnian government, warning that failure to act now with air power and arms could result in an indefioite and large-scale Western ground-troop commitment to try to enforce an inherently unworkable

peace agreement.
It criticized U.S. and Western backing for peace talks in Geneva which, the signers contended, were leading to the destruction of Bosnia and "more killing, broken families and the expulsion of millions."

BUENOS AIRES - Books pro-

incest, were among materials con-

fiscated during a raid on a cult in

which 268 children and 30 adults

Twelve adults were charged with

conspiracy to kidnap and conceal

the Family of Love, a federal court

Eighteen adults and 268 chil-

dren, ranging in age from infancy to 18 years, were placed in court custody and were being examined by psychiatrists and doctors for

Most of the adults and children

are from the United States, Cana-

da, Britain, France, Brazil, Venezu-

signs of sexual abuse, he said.

were detained, the authorities said

Raids in Buenos Aires

Round Up Sex Cultists

raise money for food and ciga-rettes. "My family feels much better now, and without trauma. But they have gotten used to many

"They're still shooting in my oeighborhood, but it's much less now," he said. "So many times when it seemed safe to come out, the shells fell."

Just after 1 P.M. on Thursday, a mortar shell exploded in a park crowded with children at play, but no one was wounded.

Sarajevo's respite from the shell-ing is clearly linked with the UNsponsored peace talks in Geneva, which ran aground Wednesday when Bosnian government leaders rejected a proposed settlement that would split the country into a brit-tle "union" of three ethnically de-fined republics and legitimize the takeover and "ethnic cleansing" of more than half of Bosnia's territory by the nationalist Serbs.

It remains to be seen whether the Bosnian Serbs will fulfill their threats to resume the bombard-ment. The co-chairmen of the UN peace conference on the former Yugoslavia, Lord Owen of Britain and Thorvald Stoltenberg of Norway, say their peace proposal re-mains on the table.

Many Sarajevans, weary of war and despairing of the United Na-tions' ever lifting an arms embargo that made Bosnia's Muslims easy prey for the Serbs, are more eager to accept the deal than Bosnians

"It's more peaceful, but you can't call it peace," said Dina Baj-ramovic, 35, a mother of three children, as she tried to sell a watermelon and bathroom fancet from a market stall tucked safely under a

road overpass. "This cease-fire will come to nothing but Izetbegovic should sign the plan anyway," she said, referring to Bosnia's Muslim presi-dent, Alija Izetbegovic.

But Abdullah Tarancic, 48, a house painter normally stationed in the Bosnian Army on the froot line near the suburb of Stup, said that Mr. Izethegovic should not sign a deal that does oot give the pro-posed Muslim-dominated republic in central Bosnia an outlet to the

"We must be allowed out of this encirclement," he said. "The Serbs and Croats will smother us."

court official said. Among those

taken into custody were six or sev-

A LESS-THAN-GLORIOUS RETURN - A statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I being lowered into place Friday in Koblenz, Germany, replacing one destroyed in World War II. The private project was criticized as glorifying Germany's martial past. A small group protested at the site Friday.

In a South African Court, a Thirst For Justice Begins to Be Quenched

By Bill Keller New York Times Service

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — General Christoffel van der Westhuizen, chief of military intelfigence, is the keeper of white South Africa's secrets and to many of his compatriots a symbol of the old order's immunity from public scru-

Nyameka Goniwe, the widow of a black campaigner against apart-heid whose scorched and mutilated body was found on a bleak prairie, is the keeper of an eight-year-old sorrow and a symbol of the black thirst for justice.

In one of those defining moments on this country's route to something new, they came together on Wednesday in a courtroom here, antagonists in a compelling politi-

cal murder mystery.

As expected, General van der
Westhuizen denied the accusation moting unrestricted sex, including on Americans whose parents apparently are oot in Argentina, according to the federal prosecutor, that he ordered Matthew Goniwe and three comrades killed. He de-Gideon Scott, a spokesman for clined to say whether he had comthe cult, said 500 children had been missioned other killings in his long campaign against the enemies of taken from followers in raids in spartheid, conceding that his answers might incriminate him. various countries.

thing before."

"For the first time, we're seeing

give hope to see that for the first

time they can be traced higher up."

And after watching her lawyer

begin his interrogation of the gen-cral on Wednesday, she said: "Just

to let him stand there and suffer, it

The outcome may not be known

until early oext year, but in the six

months leading up to the climactic encounter on Wednesday the judi-

cial inquest has torn holes in the

fraternal secrecy of the security es-

lo their eagerness to acquit

themselves, the army and the police

have accused each other of the

Goniwe killing and of other

slayings. This week, the police re-opened a case of four policemen

killed by a 1989 car bomb, after the

army's lawyer asserted that they were slain because they knew too

much about Mr. Goniwe's death.

The inquest has also revealed se-

cret documents that illuminate

dark details of the state's war

against the internal enemy.

does give me some satisfaction."

generals," she said. "It does

children" following a police raid on 10 Buenos Aires homes belonging to members of the cult, known as Mrs. Goniwe, who watches the inquest every day from the second child abuse. In our group we have very, very strict rules. We allow oo row of the visitors' gallery, said that even though she despaired of getting clear answers to her husband's sexual contact between those over slaying, she was beginning to feel the first stirrings of faith in a sys-21 and those under 21." tem that "has never meant any-

The cult first came to the attention of Argentine authorities in 1989, when police raided a Buenos Aires residence occupied by cult members. The raid was part of an investigation into charges brought by a U.S. citizen who had been ela and other foreign countries, the expelled by the cult.

make a black homeland leader beavy drinker saddled with huge

was the record of a 1987 meeting in which the chief of the armed forces met with the leader of a covert operations unit to discuss the circumstantial evidence, including ing "nonstandard issue weapons in lice followed Mr. Goniwe's every an unconventional fashion," The move, and testimony that a false record, confirmed by another general, was the first evidence that the covert unit was controlled from the

the legal front for the then-banned African National Congress.

After the military focused attention on him, he was dismissed from his job as a mathematics teacher,

For the first time, we're seeing the generals.'

Nyameka Goniwe, widow of black activist

jailed for ocarly five years, and harassed, in part by belicopters that circled the farm town where be lived blaring a warning that Mr. Goniwe should be shunned.

On the night of June 27, 1985, he and three comrades set off for a meeting and never returned. Their tortured bodies and Mr. Goniwe's Honda sedan were found burned and scattered on the prairie.

An initial inquest attributed the deaths to unknown assassins, but last year a document came to light revived the case. It was an official message confirming a telephone conversation between General van der Westhuizen, then the army commander of this Eastern Cape region, and a representative of the State Security Council, the

cabinet-level group in charge of putting down black unrest. The message said the general proposed to the Security Council that Mr. Goniwe and his companions be "permanently removed from society as a matter of urgen-cy." It was dated 20 days before the

The officer who sent the message on the general's behalf, a retired colonel named Lourens du Plessis has confirmed its authenticity and said he understood it to mean that Mr. Goniwe and the others should

One was a detailed plan in General van der Westhuizen's hand to has portrayed Mr. du Plessis as a

"permanently disappear" and install a more sympathetic figure.

Another, disclosed last week, Mr. du Plessis said there was a "50" percent chance" he misunderstood

The inquest has also unearthed elimination of specific targets" us-ing "nonstandard issue weapons in lice followed Mr. Goniwe's every license plate put on the burned car had belonged previously to a police

top levels of the military.

Matthew Goniwe, aged 38 when he died, organized black resistance to apartheid in the Eastern Cape for the United Democratic Front, the State Security Council at the time of the Goniwe slaying, but he has denied that any violations of the law were discussed there.

In an interview in April, Mr. de Klerk said he had never personally confronted the general about the case but was giving him "the bene-fit of the doubt until there is sufficient information available to show New Israeli Delay that his denial is untruthful."

There is a judge that I appoint On Demjanjuk's ed investigating all these wild allegations," the president added.

General van der Westhuizen, his craggy face set in a look of deliberate calm, said Wednesday that he did not remember ordering any ac-tico against Mr. Goniwe, hot if be juk's deportation from Israel was put off again on Thursday when a did he surely meant that Mr. Gon-iwe and the others should be de-wanted more time to consider an wanted more time to consider an tained, not killed. appeal from Israelis pressing for new war-crimes charges stemming

Mrs. Goniwe, who now works in Cape Town dispensing charitable from the "Ivan the Terrible" case, aid for a Norwegian church, said The justice, Theodore Orr. die she wants to know who put the knife to her husband, but she will settle for this: the first official admission that the apartheid state did what many assume it did - used into oext week and perhaps bethe machinery of the state to kill its youd.

What could heal me inside is for this government to own up, to say, yes, we did it," she said.

In exchange for that, she said, she might be willing to forgive, or at least to try, in the interest of a

"I regard that as a challenge," she said. "I'll challenge myself to

WORLD BRIEFS

One Dead

2 Hostels

STUTTGART — A woman jumped to her death when fire

The hostel where the woman

In the other fire, about 40 refu-

gees were evacuated from a hostel

women and children.

ed his lyrics during a trial for incit-

western state.
He accused the group of "aggressive hostility to Jews" and racist agitation against refugees. At least 20 prosecotions against group

Jorg Petritsch, went on trial Thurs-

day in Mayen, a city in Rhineland-

Palatinate state just south of North Rhine-Westphalia. He is accused of inciting racial hatred and using pro-Nazi propaganda and illegal

Mr. Petritsch, 24, said his band

would issue a record soon with a

pro-foreigners message opposite to

the drift of its early recordings and

concerts. "I find that dreadful to-

Return to the U.S.

New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - John Demian-

The justice, Theodore Orr, did

The Clinton administration had opposed his return, but on Thurs-day it reversed itself and said it

would not appeal further to the United States Supreme Court.

oot say how long he would take to

day," he said of his old lyrics.

Nazi symbols.

As Fires Hit U.S. and Russia Set Space Venture

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia agreed Thursday to a joint venture that could place Russians and Americans working side by-side in a space station before the end of the decade.

"The combined space station will be significantly better than any of the options we could orbit on our own," said Vice President Al Gore at a signing ceremony that ended two days of meetings with the Russian prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin.

The agreement, formally ending decades of competition in space, includes payment for the cash-strapped Russians of \$100 million in the next year and another \$300 million by 1997. Mr. Gore said Russian participation in the international space station will enable it to go into orbit years earlier than originally planned and at far lower cost. In Germany

broke out in a refugee hostel in southern Germany on Thursday, but the police said they had no **UN Mission in Cambodia Plundered**

evidence that oeo-Nazis were to blame for that blaze or one in Ba-PHNOM PENH (WP) — As the United Nations peacekeeping operation here winds down, Cambodian thieves are plundering it in a looting spree that UN officials suspect is organized by senior Cambodian military and police officers. died, in the town of Biberach,

mintary and poisce officers.

The looting of the \$1.7 billion UN Transitional Authority in Cambodian is costing the United Nations, and thus its major contributors, millions of dollars in lost assets. The plunder reflects the peacekeeping mission's apparent impotence in the face of the country's worsening lawlessness and its failure to rein in the Cambodian military and police under its housed 60 refugees, most of them from Albania. Four other people were injured trying to flee the fire. Policemen said they could out rule out arson but had found none of

the usual signs left by rightists, such as swastikas scrawled on oear-The primary targets of the looting are vehicles of the UN mission, especially Japanese four-wheel-drive jeeps and pickups. So far, about 160 vehicles worth nearly \$2 million at their depreciated value have been stolen by common thieves, by UN drivers or accomplices with duplicate keys or by gammen at checkpoints. UN officials said. Thieves also have for Croatian refugees in the Bavarian village of Grafrath, near Mu-oich. The Grafrath police. ted prefabricated buildings, pilfered office supplies and made off with equipment from warehouses.

swamped with questions about the fire, said they had no indications of Gadhafi Threatens to Burn Oil Wells TUNIS (Reuters) - The Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, The fires raised fears that neohas threatened to set his country's oil wells ablaze if he is backed into a corner by Western pressure over airliner bombings, the official Libyan Nazis, who have frequently at-tacked the homes of asylum-seekers and foreigo workers io Germany, might have struck again. Racist firebombings last Novem-ber and in May killed eight Turkish

press agency, JANA, reported on Thursday.

Denouncing a Western deadline to surrender two airliner bombing suspects by Oct. I. Colonel Gadhafi declared, "We do not accept the language of threats. This language will not force Libya to do anything. If a we feel in the end that we are going to loose, we will burn like oil for a seed."

Germany's most populous state, Britain, France and the United States said last month they would seek meanwhile, outlawed an extreme rightist group, and the composer of a ootonous skinhead hand recantstiffer UN sanctions against Libya unless the suspects were handed over for trial in the United States or Britain. Libya, an important oil exporter, denies any involvement in the blowing up of the Pan Am airliner over the Scottish village of Lockerbie in 1988. The disaster killed 270 people.

ing race hatred. North Rhine-Westphalia state amounced the barming of a group called Supporters' Group Freedom for Germany. Homes of members were raided in five cities in the Turks Say Iran Is Massing Troops

ANKARA (Reuter;) — Turkey said Thursday that Iran had massed; troops on the Azerbaijan border and was demanding a security zone for Azerbaijani refugees fleeing from Armenian forces.

"The continuation of Armenia's occupation and Iran's buildup toward the Azen border are first of all the concern of Turkey," said a government spokesman, Yildirim Aktuna. He did not make clear on which side of the border the Iranians wanted to set up a 20-kilometer-deep security zone but said the Turkish Foreign Ministry was evaluating Tehran's request.

members have been started, accusthem of violating Germany's Nigeria Union Says Strike Continues The skinhead band Stöckraft, or "Disturbing Force," has been one of the leading groups on the rightist musical scene. Its singer-composer,

LAGOS (Reuters) — The Nigerian Labor Congress said Thursday that had suspended a six-day strike but oil workers vowed their action to

ack demands for democracy would continue.

The strike is still on until we meet oo Monday to decide whether to call it off or continue," Frank Kokori, secretary-general of the oil workers union told reporters. But Pascal Bafyau, president of the umbrella Nigerian Labor Congress said its own general strike had made its mark, and was being called off. Oil industry sources said the senior staff union of the oil workers also joined the strike on Thursday.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Survey of Pilots on Aircraft Safety Is Called Misleading and Unscientific

International Herald Tribune

The Airline Pilots Association of America has described as unscientific ing a survey of pilots on the relative safety of aircraft and airports. It said the 245 pilots who took part in the survey by Traveler agazine were not representative of its 44,000 members.
"It's apparent that the Traveler editors were interested in sensational-

ism rather than substance," the association's president, J. Randolph Babbitt, said in a statement. Three-quarters of the pilots approached by

the magazine did not respond to the survey.

The unidentified pilots who did respond gave the lowest marks (or safety to the Airbus A-320 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-10, and they highest marks to the Boeing 727, 757, and 747. David Mallino, a pilot is association spokesman, said few of the association's members over the survey of the spokesman.

licensed to fly more than one or two aircraft types, and were therefore not in a position to make such comparisons. "It's a well known phenomenon among pilots that they tend to give the highest marks (on safety, convenience, etc.) to whatever aircraft they are currently flying." Mr. Babbitt wrote in an earlier letter to Traveler

decide, but it seemed likely that Mr. Demjanjuk, 73, would remain in the Ayalon Prison near Tel Aviv The Association of European Airlines said its members' international assenger traffic rose 9.9 percent in July to 32.4 billion revenue passenger kilometers, from July last year. The rise is two percentage points higher In any event, Mr. Demjanjuk will not be on hand, as his family

than the trend this year. had hoped, when a U.S. appeals court in Cincinnati holds a hearing Friday on whether to reopen the proceeding that had stripped him of his U.S. citizenship in 1981. Shops and banks in Senegal closed and transportation and air traffic halted Thursday because of a nationwide 24-hour general strike to protest government ansterity plans, incloding cutting 15 percent from the salaries of its 66,000 public workers.

A strike by Croatian train engineers went into a second day Thursday, halting all domestic and most international rail travel, after negotiations on a wage increase broke down.

Tap water in Paris is so full of humand nitrates that parents should refrain from using it in their babies' bottles, according to a study by Que Choisir?, a French consumer magazine.

(Reuters)

MARINES: And Now, the User-Friendly Parris Island Drill Sergeant

bully and shame thousands of re-

cruits into becoming Marines each year on Parris Island and in San Diego. Parris Island trains male re-cruits east of the Mississippi — the rest train in San Diego - and all

Sometimes he sounds like a tough Marine from central casting. "All of them can take it," be said one afternoon in Aogust, as the sound of rifle fire echoed from the firing range where recruits in gas masks were shooting at pop-up tar-gets in high heat. "They just don't all have the courage to own up to it. They want to see their family, sit on a couch, kick back, eat cookies. whatever, and say they want to go home. And you tell them, 'Hey, this right here is like buying a car. You

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signed the contract; you've got to speak, described how Sergeant Hill identical gung-ho faces in crew cuts pay for it."

In many ways, the payback regimen of obstacle courses, formation runs, weapons training, pugil-stick battles and high-decibel discipline is not much different than it ever has been on this steamy island of moss-draped oaks and palmettos, mosquitoes and diamondback rattiers. The day begins at 5 A.M. with cleanup, chow, running and calisthenics and continues almost nonstop through lights-out at 9 P.M. Male recruits still get their hair sheared off seven times in three months and don't set foot off the island until they either graduate or But to spend a day with Sergeant

Hill is to have the disquieting feeling that even the Marines have jor Dad" than "Full Metal Jacket." Maybe recruits have always felt moved to send drill instructors a Father's Day card reading "To Our Surrogate Father," as his whole. platoon did this year, but it's not likely.

And there's something genuinely affecting in the way one 19-yearold recruit, Donald Baxter, standing rammod straight and shouting are detail, the letters sketched out on earth, they'll want their hair out his answers in crisp Marine the real people behind the almost done."

own resolve began to falter.

This recruit believes there's no way to put a monetary value on the sweat this senior drill instructor puts into his work, sir," he barked to a visitor. It's something that comes from the soul, sir. No amount of money could make someone work as hard as the senior drill instructor does and care as much about his recruits as he does. sir. He's very tough, sir. But fair, sir. Very fair, sir."

Asked why most recruits sign up, Sergeant Hill pulled out a stack of stionnaires that the recruits had

"To be one of the most elite in the world," he read, shuffling gone a tad New Age. Partly it's the through the forms to find the reacasy smile and self-effacing mansons. "For everything the Marines ner that crop up when he's not stand for honor, courage, discibarking orders. Partly, it's the deprime, integrity." "Because I always wanted to since I was a little kid."

To become a killer." He rolled his integrity was a little kid."

"He doesn't know what he's talkmg about," he said.

A moment later he fished out handwritten letters, some on floral print stationery, some on lined notebook paper. They were the responses he had received to his request to parents of recruits to tell him about their sons. In affection-

For some, Parris Island will always be a helihole. About 17 percent of the men and 25 percent of the women drop out before boot camp ends. The late 70s were marred by hazing incidents, and in recent years there have been charges that the corps has engaged in a witch-hunt to ferret out lesbians among the female drill instructors; the corps has denied the charges. With heat above 100 degrees most of the summer, activity carefully monitored, but sometimes that's oot enough. A 19-yearold recruit in another unit died of apparent cardiac arrest after collapsing during an early-morning combat-conditioning course in

Sergeant Hill lives half the time off base in an apartment that he shares with his wife, Tejannia, whom he married in July. They decided not to live together on base partly because of the noisy mornings. He has a lot of time left to think about life after the Marines. If he stays in for 30 years, he would retire in 2010 at the age of 48. But when asked what he may like to do after leaving the Marines, he had a quick answer.

"Cosmetology," he said, above the crackling rifle fire. "That's a profession that will always be

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STATESIDE / HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS

Clinton Envisions Full Coverage by '98 And No Price Curbs

By Dana Priest

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has set a deadline of 1998 for putting his health care plan fully into effect and has retreated from the idea of short-term raice controls, even voluntary ones, in the health industry in the meantime, according to White House officials.

That means that, under the administration's proposal, all citizens and legal residents of the United States would have health insurance by the end of 1997.

While most of the costs of that "universal coverage" would be borne by employers and employ-ces, the president is working on details of a plan to help low-wage workers at small companies pay for their health coverage. That provi-sion could cost the federal government as much as \$70 billion a year. Aides say most of the money could come from redirecting funds in ex-isting federal and state health pro-

Those and other key decisions yere made in the first of three scheduled high-level meetings among the president, cabinet members and too health advisers. Those meetings will determine the final shape of the plan Mr. Clinton will present to a joint session of Congress this month

The plan, which will offer bundreds of changes in the way the nation's patchwork health care system operates, will be debated and voted upon in Congress, where there is no clear consensus on either the degree of the health care problem or how to solve it. Already the outlines of the ad-

ministration's plan, much of which has been made public over the last several mooths, have been criti-

By Steven Lee Myers

NEW YORK — Classes for New

New York Times Service

York City's one million pupils will

not begin on Thursday as sched-

uled because of the fears of asbes-

tos in schools.

Officials said they had oot yet decided when schools would be

able to open, but that it would

probably be no sooner than Sept. 20 and possibly as late as Sept. 27. At City Hall and the Board of

Education, officials said a final de-

meeting to reconsider the results

around," said one city official who

boke on condition of anonymity.

but school will out open on the

The specter of having to delay

school more than a few days arose

as a wave of laboratory results from

schools already inspected showed

larger amounts of exposed asbestos

than were shown in previous tests

in the plaster walls and ceilings of

The School Construction Au-

crumbling schoolhouses.

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and the progress of the tests.

Asbestos Threat Delays

N.Y. Schools' Opening

termination would come after offi- the day around which jobs and va-

cized in some quarters as too ambi-tions and expensive and in others as too modest. Nonetheless, several large interest groups -- including organized labor, senior citizens, many private business coalitions and health insurers and physicians - support many of the structural elements of the plan.

The major decisions Mr. Clinton has made include these:

• The administration will drop the idea of mandatory short-term price controls on the industry and will not advocate voluntary price controls backed by a federal en-forcement mechanism. Instead, Mr. Clinton will urge the industry to restrain inflation voluntarily, as some segments of it have done in the last year, and will propose some type of government monitoring "to prevent profiteering," as one adviser put it, between now and 1995, when the plan would begin to go into effect.

 The only general tax proposed by the administration in connection with the plan will be a "sin tax" on cigarettes and, probably, on liquor, it will forgo any tax on beer and wine. Mr. Clinton is leaning toward a new tax on cigarettes of 50 cents to 75 cents a pack, aides said. Advisers have laid out revenue scenarios that go as high as \$2 a

White House aides said the president intends to complete his package by Friday and to begin a round of consultations with Congress and interest groups next week. Aides left open the possibility that Mr. Clinton would modify his proposal after hearing from these groups.

"He's taking a very different ap-proach than what he did on the budget," an administration official said.

thority, the ageocy heading the emergency inspection, identified

five more schools Wednesday with

"moderate" levels of exposed as-

bestos that would require more ex-

tensive repairs. Until now, most of

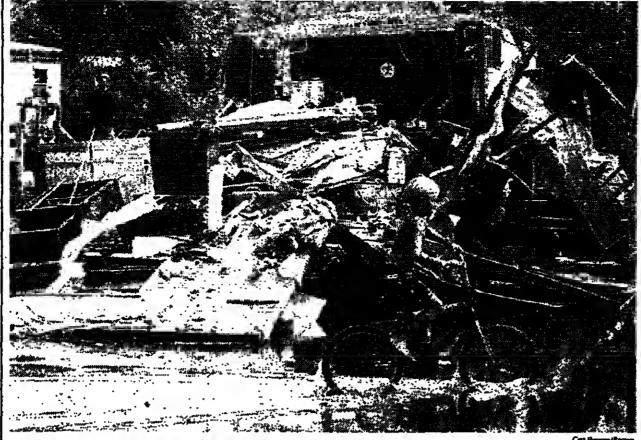
the nearly 100 schools identified as

having exposed asbestos had only

small amounts that could-be

cleaned quickly and easily. The mountain was a lot higher

than we ever envisioned," said a spokesman, Jacques DeGraff. A delay in the start of school -



WATER BIKING —A boy in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, riding by mobile homes wrecked by the hurricane designated Emily. Cleanup was continuing in the Outer Banks, which took most of the damage although the storm struck only a glancing blow to the islands before veering out to sea. The eye of the storm, circled by winds up to 115 mph, got no closer to Cape Hatteras than 20 miles.

Passenger Group Grades Airline Safety

WASHINGTON - The world's safest airlines are American Airlines, British Airways, Delta Air Lines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines System and Southwest Airlines, according to a newsletter published by the International Airline Passengers Association.

In its first issue, Travel Safety Alert warned IAPA's 110,000 members that India and Colombia are two of the world's most dangerous countries for air travel because they have unsafe airports, poor infrastructure and question-able pilot training. Their rate of fatal accidents is 10 times higher than the world average, the

"If North American and European carriers had the same 10-year accident ratio as Colom-bia and India, there would have been one fatal crash every 12 days in North America and one each month in Europe," the newsletter said.

All six of the major airlines cited had recorded at least 2 million flights in the last 10 years, had less than one accident for every 2.5 million flights and less than one fatality for every 4 million passengers. All airlines cited for safety in the report had an average fleet age of less

Continental Airlines, Japan Air Systems,

Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, Trans World Airlines, and USAir were rated "very good, recommended," all having had less than one accident per 2 million flights.

American Airlines led the list because "every flight sets another world record for most flights without a [fatal] accident, now over 9 million," the association said. "No other airline is, nor ever has been, close to this record."

British Airways was cited for having only one accident in its last 3 million flights, while Delta had only one accident in 4 million flights.

Germany's Lufthansa was ooted for having only one fatality per 20 million passengers. SAS has been accident-free for more than 24 years. the report said, while Southwest has never had an accident on 3.6 million flights in more than 17 years in operation.

Midsized carriers receiving high marks were All Nippon Airways, America West, Ansett Australia, Canadian Airlines International and

The midsized carriers singled out all had between 1 million and 2 million flights over the last 10 years and no accidents.

All Nippon of Japan was cited for carrying twice as many passengers as any other airline in the category and having had no accidents in the

last 22 years. America West has the youngest fleet in the group and has had no fatalities in its 10-year history, the association said.

Ansett Australia hasn't had an accident during the 25 years since it was formed by the merger of three companies, the newsletter said.

Canadian Airlines International's only accident with more than one fatality over the last arter-century was 15 years ago. Sandia, Sandi Arabia's national flag carrier, is the largest non-Western airline to make the list. Its last accident was more than 12 years ago.

Medium-to-small airlines who stood out were Alaska Airlines, Finnair, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Malaysian Airlines System and

These airlines have recorded 600,000 to 1 million flights over the last 10 years and have had no accidents

Alaska had one (atality in an accident 17 years ago while Finnair was cited for having no jet crashes ever. Finnair's last crash was 30 years ago, when a prop-driven DC-3 went down, IAPA said. KLM was cited for having no accidents in 16 years, Malaysian Airlines has not had an accident in 15 years, Swissair had the youngest fleet in its group, the report said.

* POLITICAL NOTES*

Bush Aldes Accused of Iran-Contra Cover-Up

WASHINGTON - The special prosecutor in the Iran-contra scandal has accused two aides to then-Vice President George Bush of "acts of concealment" to cover up White House links to secret arms shipments to Central America, according to sources familiar with the ecutor's final report.

In his coming report, the prosecutor, Lawrence E. Walsh, says that two Rush aides, Donald P. Gregg and Samuel J. Watson, knew that the White House was involved in secret weapons shipments to Nicaraguan rebels. But when government spokesmen denied the link, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Watson remained silent and allowed the attempted decembing to an forward the report save

attempted deception to go forward, the report says.

The secret arms shipments to the rebels, known as contras, were directed by a White House aide, Colonel Oliver L. North, although Congress had prohibited any U.S. assistance to the rebels.

The Bush aides' knowledge of the secret shipments to the contras was reported as early as 1986. But Mr. Walsh's charge that Mr. Gregg and Mr. Watson had acted deliberately to conceal the White House role is new. Mr. Walsh, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Watson all refused

Justice Ginsburg Votes to Delay an Execution

WASHINGTON — In her first action on a death-penalty case since joining the Supreme Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg voted to delay a Texas murderer's execution.

She was in the minority, with Justices Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens, to allow Johnny James to make his case. Mr. James, 39, was scheduled to die early Friday by lethal injection. A majority of the justices voted not to postpone the execution or to otherwise review the case that has been in the courts since Mr. James was convicted in 1986 for killing a woman be had abducted from a

tavern about 30 miles east of Houston.

Whether Justice Ginsburg believes that the death penalty is constitutional is still not publicly known. During her confirmation bearings in July she said her mind was open to the argument that

capital punishment might conflict with the Eighth Amendment guarantee against cruei and unusual punishment. (WP)

Gore Panel to Urge Partnership With Unions

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review will recommend that the government change its adversarial relationship with federal employee unions and end a 30-year history of tense, sometimes hitter, labor-management relations

by treating the unions as a partner, according to a draft report.

Under the draft plan for the "reinventing government" initiative. President Bill Clinton will issue an executive order creating a National Partnership Council to propose a framework for a new era of labor-management relations.

The council "will propose the statutory changes needed to make labor-management partnership a reality," the draft report says, noting that the council will stress "joint problem-solving approaches for managers, supervisors and union officials."

Robert M. Tobias, president of the National Treasury Employees

Union, said, "It's the first time an administration has accepted the fact that unions have a role to play in the creation of personnel policies and practices and in helping to create a more efficient and

Quote/Unquote

Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich, in defense of the North American Free Trade Agreement: "Great change demands great flexibility the capacity to adapt quickly and continuously, to change jobs, change directions, gain oew skills. But the sad irony is that massive change on the scale we are now facing may be inviting the opposite reaction: a politics of preservation, grounded in fear." (WP)

U.S. Bans Lagos Flights, Citing Security

By Kenneth B. Noble

cials from the agencies heading the cations are planned — would disemergency asbestos inspectioo rupt the lives of hundreds of thougather at a specially coovened sands of parents, teachers and other workers. And in the fall of an election year, it could politically undercut Mayor David N. Dinkins. the Board of Education and its new chancellor, Ramon C. Cortines.

Mr. Dinkins ordered the re-inspection of each of the city's 1,069 schools for asbestos on Aug. 6 after two independent iovestigators announced that the Board of Education's federally mandated asbestos testing program has been grossly mismanaged, incompelent and possibly fraudulent. He vowed to open no school notil it had been declared free of asbestos.

New York Times Service

LAGOS — The international airport here has long been maligned as among the world's most uncomfortable, poorly maintain and possibly unsafe places for air travelers. Many of these suspicions were confirmed last month when Washington banned all flights between Lagos and the United States,

citing chronic security lapses. The Federal Aviation Adminis tracion said it was taking the action after a yearlong investigation of measures in Lagos, with security 1.1 million people the biggest city in Africa's most populous country. The decision affects Nigeria Air-

ways, the state-owned carrier, curity at Murtala Mohammed In-which has four direct flights sched-ternational Airport here were more "It has become routine for miscreuled weekly between Lagos and the explicit than the others. Beginning ants to burgle aircraft parked at the United States, and American Trans Air, the one U.S. carrier with regularly scheduled service here.

The aviation agency, which routinely monitors security at airports around the world by agreement with foreign governments, has oc-casionally issued written warnings to travelers of lax security. Among them were at Buenes Aires in 1991. Lima in 1990 and Manila in 1986. Each time, with advice from the agency's security experts, the foreign airports corrected the problem in a matter of months.

But the agency's warnings on se-

in October, signs were posted at international airports in the United States telling travelers that the Lagos aircort failed to meet minimum

safety requirements. Many Nigerians have loog voiced similar doubts. Uotil recently, hand baggage was usually given only a cursory screening by security workers because the X-ray machines were broken much of the time. What's more, many passengers say, customs and immigration officials routinely demand bribes before letting travelers go to the boarding gate.

The Champion, a Lagos ocwspa-

In aumouncing the U.S. ban, the aviation agency said it would not

discuss specific security deficiencies because of regulations. The American decision stunned officials here, especially since it came at a time of increasingly strained relations between the two countries after the Nigerian military authorities milified the results of the June presidential election.

airport and loot both passengers'

goods and pilots' navigational aids.

This act is particularly disturbing because of the international embar-

assument it causes the nation."

Away From Politics

 NASA is knoking at sending another space probe to Mars even as its experts cond one to puzzle over the disappearance of the \$1 billion Mars Observer. The new mission, if there is one, would will be at far lower cost and may involve other nations as well, the National Aeronamics and Space Administration said.

 Only 16 percent of fourth-graders, 8 percent of eighth-graders and 9 percent of high school seniors correctly answered mathematics questions requiring problem-solving skills, the Department of Edu-cation says in a report on tests given in 1992 to nearly 250,000 students at 10,000 schools in all 50 states.

· An officer acquitted in two trials arising from the videotaped beating of Rodney J. King appealed to the Los Angeles Police Department to reinstate him and restore his reputation. "Io 2½ years, no one has found Ted Briseno guilty of anything," his attorney, Greg Peterson, said in asking a panel of three police captains to give Officer Theodore J. Briseno his job back.

· A respirator exploded at a medical center in New York, killing three patients and injuring 15, the fire department said. A department official said hospital engineers at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn had been working on the machine several hours before the explosion because nurses and other workers had complained that it was giving off electrical shocks.

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The Bolivia Connection: Arms for Balkan Warriors

By Nathaniel C. Nash New York Times Service

LA PAZ - When documents from Bolivia ordering eight Russian T-72 tanks crossed the desk of the Foreign Ministry last fall in Moscow, the request seemed somewhat out of line.

This landlocked Andean nation is not in a war, it has only a few outdated tanks, its military needs are mainly in the area of light equipment and helicopters to fight drug traffickers, and it has an annual military budget of about \$120 million. The eight Russian tanks would have cost more than \$200 million.

After the Russian Foreign Ministry re-uested documentation to complete the deal, it soon became evident that the order had not come from the Bolivian govern-

It was part of a series of false orders by arms traffickers who have been using the name of Bolivia over the last two years to buy weapons for Croatia and other former Yugoslav republics in an effort to circum-vent the UN arms embargo.

Over the last two years, Latin America has become a favored port of call for arms merchants hoping to dupe weapons manufacturers into shipping military equipment that is then diverted to Croatia, Serbia, or

Early last year, Chile's army was rocked by scandal when it was found that the state arms company, FAMAE, tried to send 11 tons of small arms to Croatia. Though the shipment was worth only about \$200,000, planned shipments totaled more than \$6

Panama confirmed in August that arms traffickers had tried to ship \$21 million of machine guns, pistols, and ammunition to Bosnia from Czechoslovakia and Austria, using false papers with Panama as the destination. Panama disbanded its army in

Bolivia's prosecutors are looking in bogus transactions totaling almost \$300 million, in which dealers have tried — at times successfully — to buy weapons from manufacturers in Portugal, Bulgaria, RusStill to be investigated, military experts say, are shipments of Chinese arms to Bolivia that were rerouted to former Yugoslav republics.

"Bolivia has been particularly used as a cooduit for Chinese arms," said Rosendo Fraga, a military analyst in Buenos Aires who tracks the international weapons trade. "This is one of the common triangular relationships set up — China to Bolivia and then to the former Yugoslavia."

The repercussions of the illegal arms sales also may taint at least one of Bolivia's major political parties. The country's chief prosecutor, Milton Novillo, announced recently that officials of the Rev-olutionary Leftist Movement, the party of former President Jaime Paz Zamora, were likely to be implicated in the trafficking

Personal recommendations from party officials to give diplomatic passports to three suspected arms traffickers were passed to the Bolivian Embassy in Vienna last year, Mr. Novillo said. Among those

signing the documents, be added, was Car-men Pereira, chief financial officer of the party and a close friend of Mr. Paz Zamo-

"This is a very serious thing that once we get the oew government going we will look into," said Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, Bolivia's new president, who took office on Aug. 6.

Though details of how the arms network operated are sketchy, it is clear that the preferred way of ordering light and heavy weapons for Croatia was to submit false orders from the Bolivian Defense Ministry, using authentic Bolivian documents but signatures of nonexistent military officers. The money backing the deals was

Those supplying the documentation re-portedly got a 10 percent commission. So far, the Bolivian police have jailed four employees of the Paz Zamora Foreign Ministry, including Jorge Quiroga, a senior official who is accused of signing a oumber of false passports.

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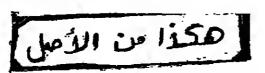
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Continued from Page 1 come a major political issue for the government of Prime Minister Chuan Leckpai.

His coalition, which has been beset by bickering, arose from elections held a year ago after street demonstrations in May 1992. which were violently suppressed by troops, led to the overthrow of a government backed by the military.

The disputed expressway is 60 percent owned by Kumagai Gumi Co., a Japanese construction giant. Other members of the consortium. known as the Bangkok Expressway Co. Ltd., include the Asian Development Bank and a number of Thai banks and companies.
Takao Ninomiya, Bangkok Ex-

pressway's managing director, as-serted that the authority's decision to go to court amounted to "nationalization" of private ventures and that Thailand would lose the

trust of foreign investors.
Sukavich Rangsitpol, governor of the authority, retorted that the country's image was being hurt more by its traffic problems than by contractual conflicts.

Businessmen complain about lost man-hours and higher transport costs as a result of the congestion. Foreign tourists are deterred from visiting Bangkok because of its wall to-wall traffic and bad air

Mr. Sukavich said that the authority had sought the intervention of the court following reports that motorists, resentful at being stuck in jams for hours while the completed expressway was unused, might resort to violence unless it was immediately opened.

He said that Bangkok Expressway had no reason to continue to block the highway opening because the government last month re-versed an earlier decision and reinstated the toll of 30 baht (\$1.20) that had originally been agreed to.

However, the company and the authority still disagree over how the toll will be collected and reveme shared. The issue is to go to

Bangkok's traffic jams have gotten steadily worse as rapid economic growth and industrialization bring hundreds of new vehicles outo the streets each day and draw a growing army of poor settlers from the countryside to the capital looking for work.



PRO-AIDID RALLY -- Somali women in Mogadishu chanting Thursday at a rally in support of General Mohammed Farrah Aidid. U.S. forces have been searching for the warlord, whom the UN holds responsible for the deaths of UN troops.

MAFIA: Coveting Land of Plenty

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investigators this year. "We could have gotten nukes if we'd wanted

Just as disconcerning for the authorities here is the suspicion that Italy's proximity to the former Yugoslavia has made it an attractive base for gunranners other than the

The penetration of Eastern Europe by Italy's organized-crime Mafia investigator in Palermo. "It has become a serious international phenomenon."

brian Ndrangheta - mirrors their earlier expansion into Western Europe, notably Spain, France and Germany.

And, while the riches may be

less, confusion, corruption and disorganization in Eastern European police forces make the risks far

"The Mafia is filling the power vacuum in Eastern Europe," said

Beijing Says Inspection Clears In Japan, 'Dialogue' Its Cargo Ship Bound for Iran On Trade By Lena H. Sun Westington Post Service BEIJING — China said Thursday that it a partial impection of a China chinate during the time of the Chinase siny. Washing the possible lifting of stimule during the two chemicals for export to Town. BEIJING — China said Thursday that it would be willing agonize the possible lifting of stimule storage of the Chinase same weeks have been moving toward a showdown over the contents of the Chinase sing. Washing the two states for export to Towards the transfer of the Chinase same weeks of negotiar toward a showdown over the contents of the Chinase sing. After several weeks of negotiar towards the United States has several weeks for export to Towards the Chinase same towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase sing. After several weeks of negotiar towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase sing. After several weeks of negotiar towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase single the transfer for inspection. After several weeks of negotiar towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase single the transfer for mapercion. After several weeks of negotiar towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase single the transfer for mapercion. After several weeks of negotiar towards a showdown over the contents of the Chinase single the transfer for the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Angust. After the United States have been moving in early Ang

Thursday that it would be willing to negotiate the possible lifting of an estimated \$1 billion in trade accused China of shipping to Iran. A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, Wn Jiannin, said the casanctions imposed by the United tire Iran-bound cargo of the ship, the Yinhe, had been inspected. Al-States over alleged arms-control vithough he declined to say what had "When solving state-to-state disbeen found, he said the inspection putes, China always favors the aphad shown that the ship was not preach of holding dialogue and op-poses sanctions," a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wn Jisman, carrying "any of the two chemicals of thiodiglycol and thiotyl chlosaid at a weekly news conference.
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China News agency quoted him as facilitate the improvement of Chi-In Washington, the State De-A U.S. assistant secretary of state, Winston Lord, said Tuesday that Washington hoped to reach an agreement with China to waive the pariment spokesman, Mike McCurry, said no chemical weapons ingredients had been found enctions it imposed last week over thus far but that the inspection had not been completed, the Associated

Beijing's alleged breach of interna-tional missile-control guidelines. The sanctions were levied after the United States said it had determined that China had shipped to Pakistan components of the M-11 missile, capable of carrying a pay-load of 1,100 pounds (500 kilograms) over about 190 miles (300

the sanctions on China so as to

nese-U.S. relations," he said.

Such shipments are barred under the Missile Technology Control Regime, an international agreement in which China has not offcially joined but which it has pledged to honor.

China reacted furiously to the sanctions, which it said were unjustified. Pakistan has also denied violating arms-control agreements.

The sauctions dispute has sent the often troubled Chinese-U.S. re-

lationship into a new tailspin, with Beijing accusing Washington of engaging in "out-and-out power poli-tics" and purposely seeking to damage relations. Diplomats in China say they feel

the sanctions would hart American businesses more than they would hurt China, because there are other sources for many of the items covered by Washington's ban on their

can be used to make nerve gas. China has denounced these accusations as "utterly unjustifiable bullying." It says the linen-bound cargo consists of stationery, metals and machine parts.

The dispute is fueling tension between the two nations on one of the socest points in their relationship: socest points in their relationship: China's sales of weapons. Washing-ton has imposed ecosomic sanc-tions on Beijing for what it says were sales of missile technology to Pakistan that violated China's pledges on nonproliferation, China demiss the charge but has threat-tend to stop complaint with a ma-

ened to stop complying with a ma-jor arms-counted agreement.

The Yanhe controversy seems certain to worsen the situation, no matter what the results of its in-Spection are. The may control of Dubai. The United States and China for

rived in Demman, Sandi Arabia, last week and a Chinese-Saudi team began Saturday to inspect the several hundred containers it was

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesmen added that "personnel dispatched by the United States government" had taken part in the inspection as "technical advisers to the Sandi side."

The impection is expected to take several more days. Both sides have said an official report will be

It is not clear why the Chinese chined a clean bill of health to quickly on the basis of a partial investigation of the cargo. Al-though Beijing said all cargo des-tined for Iran had been inspected, it was unclear whether containers ection are. The ship entered the have been switched or relabeled while the ship has been at sea.

donations to political parties— gifts amounting to about 14 billion yen, or \$133 million, a year.

The decision was made in the face of mounting public criticism, said Gaishi Hiraiwa, chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations. He said that within the next five years the organization would also try to stop all donations its members provide directly to individual politicians.

Most of the organization-brokered donations have been funseled to the former governing par-ty, the Liberal Democrats, which is seen as the party most sympathetic to big busine

The party's political dominance had seemed unshakable until July 18 when it lost its 38-year-old grip on power in a general election to a ries of scandals involving corporate

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Finding Your Way In Little Old Tokyo

Ultramodem Tokyo has an antionated and chaotic street-numbering system that, some resi-dents joke, is unterly logical. Generations ago, the first building in a neighborhood was munbered I. The second, now perhaps blocks away, was numbered 2. And so on

Today, house number 8 can be next door to house number 137. Even veteran taxi drivers get lost. To modernize the system would be forbiddingly expensive. So offices, restaurants, stores and ordinary householders cope by handing out maps to expected visitors, or sending maps by inc. People taking a taxi hand a map of their destination to the driver, who studies it for long moments be-fore nodding "yes" and putting

the cab in gear.

Some say the chaos is a charming relic of the capital's origins as a collection of villages, a confusion compounded from the haphazard way the city was rebuilt. first after it was largely destroyed by a colossal earthquake and fire in 1923 and again by firebombing during World War II.

This chaos holds no charm for Ernie Higa, who roms 102 Domino's Pizza franchises in Japan. Domino's, with its 30-minute guaranteed delivery, copes by posting enlarged maps of each shop's delivery area. Each area is limited to how far a motorbike can go in seven minutes dering

Says Mr. Higa, Tokyo is sup-

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Around Asia

In the intest effort to save the Taj Mahal from air pollution demage, the Supreme Court of India has ordered 212 of the most heavily polluting factories in the 3-million population city of Agra to close and an additional 500 to install pollution control equip-ment. The decree has been greeted by conservationists as at least a partial measure to protect the white marble, Persian-Mogul monument, completed in 1652. But the order has been bitterly criticized by factory owners, who say most of the pollution comes from the huge oil refinery at Ma-thura, 60 kilometers (36 miles)

from Agra. The order does not

affect the refinery. Steps already

steam on the local railway.

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The military chieftain who kid-napped Generalissimo Cleiang Kai-shek in 1936 is recovering from cranial surgery, his physician said Thursday in Taipei. The abductor, Chang Hauch-liang, is 92, but is still popularly referred to as "the young marshal." He apparently bumped his head and suffered from internal bleeding. Shortly after an operation to re-move the blood, he was able to walk, his doctor said. General Chang kidnapped Generalissimo Chiang, then Chinese Nationalist leader, and released him only when Chiang agreed to negotiate with the Chinese Communists about ending their civil war and forming a united front against the Japanese myaders.

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For Israelis, Security Remains **Key Factor for Durable Peace**

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

racli's vocabulary than "security," and so for many people here the ultimate test of the self-rule agreement tentatively reached with the Palestinians will be whether the occupied territories stay quiet or turn into Dodge City.

Alarm bells sounded in some quarters this week when top army commanders, saying they had not been consulted in advance on the draft accord, cautioned that it would become more difficult to combat Palestinian violence.

An ambush shooting that killed an Israeli soldier on motor patrol Thursday near the West Bank city of Hebron served to underline the point that deals signed by diplo-mats, no matter what hopes for peace they may whisper, are not suddenly going to stop all the bul-

No group took responsibility for the attack, in which Sergeant Zion Alkobi died and another soldier was wounded when their vehicle overturned

The anti-terrorism war will be extremely hard," the deputy chief of staff, Major General Amnon Shahak, was quoted as telling a closed-door parliamentary hearing on Tuesday. His superior, Lieuten-ant General Ehud Barak, who is also a close confident of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, reportedly also has reservations, although there is no public suggestion that he thinks Israel is making a mis-

"The situation today is a com-fortable situation for us," General Shahak said on the army radio, But that will change, he added, when Palestinian self-rule begins as a pilot project in the Gaza Strip and West Bank city of Jericho.

"In various senses, if terror continues, the fight against terror to insure Israelis' peace will be a com-plicated, complex, difficult assign-

Government officials insist that the generals are not saying any-

JERUSALEM — Few words are ready intuit. But he weighed the pull back, or what kind of coordimore important in the average is risks against the possible advantage of the pull back, or what kind of coordinate in the average is risks against the possible advantage. tages, they say, and in the end con- the police and army units that may cluded that Israel could take care of

> he said the other day, using the about the army controlling major initials for the army's formal name, roads, including those used routhe Israel Defense Forces.

Despite the prime minister's assurances, questions remain about what the agreement with the Pales-tinians will mean for the future safety of Israelis in the territories, both settlers and others, such as the many people who drive through Jericho as they travel the main north-south road in the Jordan Val-

The accord says that Israeli forces will be withdrawn from populated areas and will remain responsible for "overall security of camp in Gaza. May the Israelis Israelis" and for "defending

thing that Mr. Rabin, himself a the Palestinians force will look like former chief of staff, did not alstill be posted at the peripheries of self. cities, towns and refugee camps.
"The IDF will always be there," Moreover, nothing is said explicitly tinely by the roughly 130,000 Jewish settlers in the territories.

> "It's obvious that it's not possible to put a soldier at every point," General Shahak reportedly told lawmakers. "I don't know how we assure safety to those traveling around if the IDF is not on the

Then there are questions about what happens if, say, a Palestinian chase him there, or is it off-limits to against external threats." To protect Palestiniaos' security, "a strong police force" will be created.

But it is not clear exactly what But it is not clear exactly



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, left, greeting supporters of his Middle East plan in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

In Gaza Strip, a Faint Hope of Some Kind of Peace Soon

By Joel Greenberg

New York Times Service JABALIYA, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip — Nearly every day since the start of the Palestinian uprising six years ago, Ali Ailch has watched from behind the

counter of his drugstore as youths from this bleak refugee district fought street battles with Israeli troops outside. This week he allowed himself a tentative hope that the grim oftual might finally end and that the Israeli Army base down the road and its imposing guard

tower would soon be dismantled Israeli forces are to withdraw from Jabaliya and other occupied areas in the Gaza Strip six months after a draft agreement on Palestinian self-government goes into effect here and in Jericho. "I've seen many people killed, shooting and clashes, but peace would provide

will be a new era and a better life." selves to think that things might get bet-ter — a thought that for so long has had

realities also intrude, and some say they fear fighting, even civil war, between sup-porters and opponents of the self-rule A hint of possible trouble to come emerged Wednesday, when a pro-agreement rally in Gaza was disrupted by

A group of young men interrupted their streetcleaning to argue loudly over the self-rule plan. They were working Islamic militants from the Hamas group,

no ground in which to grow. Bot the daily

and then degenerated into a fist-swinging free-for-all. There were about 300 people

a much better view," Mr. Aileh said, central market, Samir Dabei said Pales-gazing out of his store. "We should have tinians should take what they can get our own parcel of land to live on. I hope it oow, and demand more later. "Since 1948 we have been saying no," he said, There are many Palestinians here like referring to the year Israel was estab-him who are suddenly allowing them-lished. "Now we should say yes and see

what happens."
Ali Sido, a shopkeeper whose son, 15, was killed in a clash with soldiers five years ago, said he was heartened by the agreement. "There has been enough hloodshed," he said. "I'm very, very opti-"There has been enough

under a job program run by the military government for the growing numbers of unemployed Gazans. Many laborers om both sides, witnesses said. have been unable to work since Israel Well before the brawl, in the bustling closed off the occupied territories in

"I was happy to hear about the agreement because it will rid us of the occuparion," said Mohammed Faris, from the Bureij refugee camp. "I'll wake up in the morning and see no more Jews on the

But a nearby Hamas supporter condemned the agreement as a sellout. "Pal-estine is an Islamie trust, and no one has the right to bargain it away," said the man, who gave his name as Mohammed. He warned of civil strife among Palestinians, and charged that the local police force to be established under self-rule would crush opposition to any adminis-

tration run by the Palestine Liberation Organization. "The Palestinian police force will replace the Israeli soldiers," he Abu Faris shot back: "Anyone who

Yunis Jaro, a prominent supporter of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said the agreement was seritlements in place and did not apply to

"We don't know what comes next, and there are no guarantees that this will lead to freedom and independence for the Palestinian people," Mr. Jaro said. "The people will discover later that they were deceived."

Zuhair Rayyes, a founder of the PLO and an author of its covenant, criticized moves under way to repeal sections of that document so there could be mutual recognition with Israel. He said that Palestinians were being offered "an alterna-tive fatherland of Jericho-Gaza instead

Arab Talks Requested By Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan -- King Hussein has called for an Arab summit meeting to discuss a PLO-Israeli deal on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, saying Jordan opposes any accord made behind

But the king, one of the key players in the U.S.-brokered Middle East peace process, said that he would not stand in the way of the deal even though it remained unclear whether it would achieve Palestinian objectives.

"The Arab nation is going through a dangerous phase and the Arah future is threatened," the king said in a television interview broadcast Thursday.

"This requires an Arab meet-

And he told the Lebanese publisher and journalist Ghassan Tweini in a separate interview, "We in Jordan do not accept the imposition of any agreement imposed on us that we are not a party to."

In uncharacteristically hlunt extracts released by the official Jordan News Agency late on Wednes-day, the monarch criticized the Palestinians, who have attended the peace talks under Jordan's wing for failing to consult Amman on the deal with Israel.

But be said in the full interview that he would not block the agree-

"We are not against the Palestin-ian-Israeli agreement," be said.
"We support the Palestinian deci-sion and I would go further and praise the Palestinian courage in taking this decision and blessing what serves the Palestinian inter-

Jordanian officials said Thursday that they had no idea how soon an Arab summit meeting could take place. Palestinian sources said that King Hussein had enlisted the support of President Hafez Assad of Syria when the two leaders met

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and many Palestinians have drifted to more radical movements.

"Mr. Arafat has taken a risk greater than that of Egyptian President Sadat when he traveled to Jerusalem in 1977," said Gilles Ke-pel, a professor of Arab studies at the Institute of Political Science in Paris. "The PLO support in Gaza has eroded enormously in favor of Hamas and fundamentalist movements, and it is not even clear if Arafat will be able to set fout there. New elites now exist on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank.

can exert its authority and improve the lot of Palestinians in the occupied territories, however, will the peace plan begin to take on some obstance and start to look like what Mr. Arafat is insisting that it is: the first step toward a Palestin-

Many Palestinians have already concluded that the peace plan will oot be able to develop as Mr. Ara-

"I hope the agreement will lead to a just and lasting peace, but I am just reflecting my doubts at the chances that this agreement will achieve what we want." Haider Abdel-Shafi, the chief Palestinian negotiator at official talks in Washington, said Thursday. "This agree-ment overlooks Israel's continued settlement building in the occupied territories, especially Jerusalem."

Meanwhile, 10 radical Damascus-based Palestinian groups is-sued a statement saying that the accord was treacherous. "What Arafat and his team carried out does not represent the Palestinian people," the statement said.

■ Progress in Syrian Talks Another breakthrough in Middle East peace negotiations suddenly looked possible Thursday when Syria said it boped to reach an agreement in principle with Israel

by the end of oext week. Reuters reported from Washington.

Israel also reported progress. Its chief negotiator with Syria, Itamar Rabinovich, said: "We made progress and we reached agreement on points that in earlier rounds eemed unbridgeable." There is now the possibility, un-

thinkable even a week ago, that Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians might all sign draft peace agreements at the present round of Middle East talks. Syria's chief negotiator, Mouaf-fak Allaf, said after meeting the Israelis at the State Department: We shall continue on Tuesday discussing the most important issues. These issues were discussed before, but the position of the Israeli delegation then was not very positive. We hope to see some more positiveness during this round in order to

cussion of the draft declaration during this round." The latest round of peace talks ends next Thursday. The Syrian-Israeli talks had been deadlocked

since late last year. Syria insisted that Israel commit itself to a total withdrawal from the Golan Heights, occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Israel refused to discuss how far it might withdraw until Syria said whether it would agree to a full peace including open borders and embas-

A Syrian source said a shnttle by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher between Jerusalem and Damascus a mooth ago had clarified that Syria was ready to go beyond a simple ending of the state of war if Israel was ready for total withdrawal from the Golan

Heights.
"Our people, when talking about peace, can talk more freely now," the source said. "We will see if the Israelis can talk more freely about

TALKS: Optimism on Recognition Affable Amateurs Give Way to PLO

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Pales-tinian delegates to the Middle East peace talks here, a collection of self-described amateurs who for a time captured world attention, are preparing to fade into the background as representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization take control of the negotiations.

As the 11th round of talks here resumed this week, the delegates trooped faithfully to the State Department to sit across a long table from Israeli negotiators. They have peen doms months.

The Palestinians continued to be able to end, hopefully, the dis-

to massage worry beads and await the organization. the latest fax from Tunis, where the PLO has its headquarters.

the threshold of a historic agree-woman, Hanan Ashrawi, became ment, while the negotiations in Washington have barely budged. tion with her urbane wit and un-

We might as well go home."

tinian statchood in the West Bank Arab conflict. The delegates, al- Bankers and Gazans.

and Gaza Strip. They sat over cof-fee at a luxurious Washington hotel a contrast with the rough image of

None wore combat fatigues, none of the men let their beards Bot these activities were shown grow stubbly. Some were college to be mere shadow play by the professors, others ran newspapers, revelation this week that Israeli and some were physicians. Firebombs PLO officials had been engaged for were out; ordering cocktails was in. weeks in secret talks in Oslo. Those At the start of the peace talks in talks have brought the two sides to Madrid in October 1991, a spokes-

an international television sensa-

"Our role is over," a delegate, flappable demeanor. Collectively, the 14 dele authority to sign anything anyway. were seen as examples of "new Pal-

estinians" who were willing to commake frequent appearances on television talk and interview shows to lay out passionate claims to Palesof an unusual phase in the Israeldeal directly only with the West

EC: Aid for the PLO and More Trade for Israel

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estimates of the fund's needs are currently around \$300 million. Europe also will concentrate its aid in the near term toward improving the water resources and other infrastructure in the territories, belping to develop tourism in the area and spurring the growth of small and medium-sized Palestinian enterprises, Mr. Delors said. The Community will rely heavily on its lending arm, the European Investment Bank, and on private industry because its own budget and those of the member EC states

are already overstretched, he add-On trade, Mr. van den Broek said the commission hoped to get a mandate from its member states this fall to negotiate improvements

biggest trade partner, buying about than a decade ago when Israel and 35 percent of its exports and supplying 50 percent of its imports. peace treaty. Israel complains that the develop-Israel complains that the develop-ment of the EC single market and closer ties between the Community

To get the rest of the funds, the official said, Secretary of State
Warren M. Christopher is contactand the seven-member European Free Trade Association have left it in a weak position. Its trade deficit the six countries that take part with with the Community nearly dou-hled from 1.7 billion Ecus in 1990 Group of Seven economic summit to 3.1 hillion last year.

■ U.S. Limits Funds

subsidize Palestinian police, and Canada. Asked if Mr. Christo in the existing free-trade agreement schools and other government pher planned to break out Mr. Batbetween the Community and Israel. It would probably take the two no longer afford to pay the entire already are doing that."

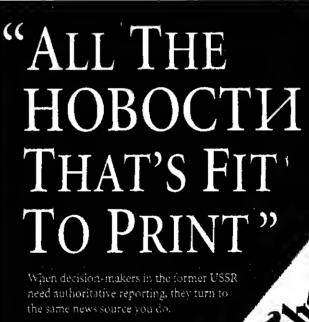
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meeting, the official said. Former Secretary of State James The Los Angeles Times reported A. Baker 3d collected much of the from Washington:

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The Dangers of Quagmire

once again, with Bosnian Muslim leaders refusing to sign a plan based on a three-way partition of the country unless they are alloited more territory. Serbian and Croatian leaders insist they have made their last offer. Either way, the new plan to end the Bosnian war so reduces Muslim territory that it is a big step backward from the earlier, flawed Vance-Owen plan. It was that earlier plan that the Clinton administration once pledged as many as 30,000 American troops to enforce.

But if agreement is reached, President Bill Clinton would be mistaken to let that earlier pledge be taken as a blank-check guarantee that U.S. forces will be available to enforce the current plan.

The new plan would also require enforcement by tens of thousands of international troops. President Clinton now wisely indicates that be wants to wait and see the details before committing Americans to an enforcement effort. Rightly, he makes the fairness and enforceability of any final agreement the key criteria.

The current mediators, Lord Owen and Thorvaid Stoltenberg, are pressing for a crude partition that would leave Bosnia's mostly Muslim government with lands that could not survive economically and are not even connected. The mediators have frankly told the Bosnians that the only alternative to threeway partition is a two-way partition between Serbs and Croats that would leave the Muslims no territory at all.

Given the unwillingness of Western governments to intervene and Europe's insistence on maintaining a one-sided arms embargo, that is probably an accurate prediction. But the Owen-Stoltenberg plan is scarcely a formula that Americans could accept as the basis for a long-term commitment of a larger American force. It does not reflect the interests, preferences or principles of the United States.

When you trace the outlines of this plan, the picture that emerges is that of a quagmire, Moreover, it is a quagmire that the European powers are themselves avoiding, but urging President Clinton to wade into. The mediators

The Geneva peace talks have broken down nee again, with Bosnian Muslim leaders require at least 40,000 new peacekeeping troops beyond the 25,000 already in Bosnia. The peacekeeping forces would be expected to remain in place for years, and they would be constantly in harm's way.

The peacekeepers' main assignments would be to separate the combatants, patrol the newly drawn boundaries, and defend vital transportation corridors, duties that would put them in the line of fire if local militias follow their bellicose history and attempt to

redraw the treaty map with force.

Britain and France, the plan's main diplomatic sponsors, are not willing to commit significant additional troops from their standing armies or to spend the money to expand their forces. And the idea of German or Turkish troops has been ruled out because of Serbian political sensitivities. Some Russian troops may be available, but U.S. allies in Western Europe want the main burden — perhaps 20,000 troops — to fall on the United States. These are the same allies that rejected the administration's preferred alternative of lifting the UN arms embargo and reinforcing Bosnia's bargaining position with NATO air power.

The Clinton administration is right to want to see Europe take more responsibility for its own security in the post-Cold War world. But it must resist having its healthy commitment to multilateralism result in the use of U.S. troops to enforce an agreement that goes against American policy preferences and principles. Sending tens of thousands of U.S. troops to

enforce such a dubious plan in Bosnia would set a dangerous precedent for other enforcement actions around the world.

Mr. Clinton should hold fast to his latest criteria. Given the military and diplomatic pressures surrounding the negotiations, there is ample ground to question whether the Owen-Stoltenberg plan can be judged fair or freely arrived at. And given the likely circumstances of its being instituted, with all sides questioning the details, there is reason to doobt whether it is enforceable without unacceptable risks to American lives.

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With Courage and Forbearance, This Peace Can Work

P ARIS — The text of the agreement be-tween Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization to "establish a Palestinian inter-im self-government authority" is more impressive than first reports sounded. It pro-vides for Israeli withdrawal only from "Gaza and Jericho first," but elections are 10 be beld in all the occupied territories within nine months as a "significant interim preparatory step toward the realization of the legitimate

rights of the Palestinian people ... The accord represents key concessions from both sides. Not surprisingly after so many bitter years, everybody involved is warning about the many pitfalls ahead. But this is a signal breakthrough.

It has taken a long time. Both sides bave missed important chances before, especially, it seemed to me, after the Camp David peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, which called for immediate negotiations on a five-year interim autonomy period.

Israel, I should have thought, could have

started unilaterally turning over some func-tions of administration, which would have made it harder for the PLO and Arab states

to refuse to move.

Instead, Egypt was isolated (with acquies-

By Flora Lewis

cence of the Europeans! and its peacemaker, Anwar Sadat, was killed. Now, after patient restoration of its Arab ties. Egypt has played a

major role in advancing the peace process.

The United States has been less in the forefront than during Secretary of State James Baker's hard push, despite Washington's claims that his successor Warren Christopher was the important "catalyst"; and Syria and Jordan complain that they were left out of secret talks. But in present circumstances, this is just as well.

Israel and the PLO are now demonstrating that they can make progress on their own, with help from Egypt. These are really the "direct talks" Israel always sought, though with the one Arab authority Jerusalem said it would never meet. The goal has been clearly, unequivocally identified as peace.

Not everybody accepts it. There are many other interests that will seek to serve their own

purposes, regardless of the central issue. Worse, there are many extraories sides dedicated to preventing any peace short of their own version of victory, and they can

Their chances depend not only on governments and diplomats, but on a lot of ordinary people in the West as well as the Middle East. There will be times that will require strong nerves to refuse to allow terrorism, and retribution for terrorism, to distract from the goal. They will require identifying provocation for what it is, a crime against hope, and rejecting it.

Jewish communities in the West, above all in the United States, will need in some cases to reclarify their assumptions about how best to support the Jewish state. For a long time, while Likud governments were in power, there were factions who insisted they should receive unquestioning endorsement regard-less of their policies. "The Israelis know best," they intoned, whatever happened.
The Israeli government has changed. Likud

is in opposition, and its leaders - not to speak of passionate extremists — argue that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is taking dan-gerous risks with the survival of Israel, and they will seek to enlist Jewish lobbies abroad against the government. Some are tempted to abandon the conviction that democratic Isra-

be expected to try to explode the fragile they help, not hinder, the peace effort. There will be even more doubts in the Arab world, but again this is the time when those who wish to emerge from the old conflict will need to show the courage to say so.

As usual in such transitions, money will be important. The European Community has promised to help Gaza and Jericho move out of economic disaster, and the United States has ambiguously pledged "to assist to develop sufficient funds for the Palestinians to carry out their responsibilities under the agree-

ment," in Mr. Christopher's words. That presumably means getting Arab money flowing, as well as American contributions. It should be seen as a crucial investment. Getting a tangible "peace dividend" moving into Gaza 4: and Jericho along with autonomy can bring a

much greater peace dividend to all. The complexity of the details and the diffi-culties ahead are enormous. But so are the

prospects and the foreseeable rewards. Just the fact that with so many new wars, so many new conflicts bloodying the world, the headlines have brought the sweet taste of good news is an encouragement to keep on trying for solutions.

O Flora Lewis.

The Cunning of Israel's Risk-Takers

WASHINGTON — When Menachem Begin came down from Camp David, I asked him if he had not gone too far in accepting the phrase "legitimate rights" of Pales-tinian Arabs. He countered with a biblical allusion: "Has my right

hand lost its cunning?"

Mr. Begin knew that the "legitimate" right of Arabs was to selfgovernment, control of local affairs: e doubted that the Palestine Liberation Organization would settle for autonomy but would demand sovereignty over Israel's Judea and Sa-maria, to him an illegitimate claim. Mr. Begin was right: The arrogant PLO rejected its chance to work out self-rule in the disputed territories. Today's prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, offered Palestinians a new

version of step-by-step self-govern-ment. When their delegation froze, Mr. Rabin sent Shimon Peres on an end run to the PLO, whose aging and bankrupt boss was not about to make the same all-or-nothing mistake again. As a result, Gaza, containing 800,000 of the 2 million Palestinians in the territories, is to be PLO-administered, which to Israel is like giving away a permanent mi-graine headache. Israel also accepted a symbolic PLO presence on the West Bank in Jericho, though autonomy there does oot extend to the Allenby Bridge across the Jordan.

By William Safire

The stunner is the mutual recognition being worked ont in Norway and likely to be signed here in Washington. The Palestinians could tear themselves apart and rain the deal, but this week Arab-Israeli relations have undergone a

editerranean sea-change. What we have is the prospect of a separate peace, bugaboo of Arab oegotiators. King Hussein of Jordan does not like it because he rules the other half of the Palestinians, who will want the same kind of self-rule. Hafez Assad of Syria is grumpy because his thunder has been stolen by Yasser Arafat, and be no longer has an excuse to delay a Golan deal. Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists will seek to sabotage Palestinian autocomy.

The U.S. State Department is emitting ludicrous little bleats suggesting that Warren Christopher was the bero because Israel kept him informed of the dealings and he didn't blab. But this is not America's deal; it was truly worked out "between the parties."
What bugs bard-liners most

about taking the PLO as a negotiating partner is not only the memory of the slaughtered Israeli Olympic athletes or the Arabs dancing on the

rooftops as Iraqi Scud missiles slammed into Tel Aviv. It is that Shimon Peres: the superdove Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, and PLO sympathizers abroad - all of whom would have caved in to Mr. Arafat years ago, when he was running terrorists and demand-

was running terrorists and demand-ing a state — will now claim to have been right all along. Having been softened by 15 years of Israeli hard line, Mr. Arafat finally appears ready to accept Mr. Begin's approach, adding the Gaza-Jericho twist. The irony is that now the Israeli doves will take political credit for the breakthrough when the pressure of time and the loss of dictator-sponsors have forced the PLO to become reasonable. No wonder Likudniks are gnashing their teeth: Their tough policy made this possible, and now their opponents are capitalizing on it.

The leader of the opposition in Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, sees it m more stark terms: "The Rabin-Arafat agreement," he tells me, "is a prescription for a Palestinian state under the pre-'67 boundaries. Our concept offered them enclaves of autonomy, but this is just the reverse - culminating in a PLO sea with a few islands of Israeli settlements unable to survive." He wants an election now to be a referendum on this national life-or-death decision.



Others here are cautiously pessimistic. We know Mr. Arafai still plans to sit in Jerusalem as president of Palestine, not be mayor of Gaza. But here is why hope should not be denied: Israeli public opinion, influ-enced by the PLO's ability to keep local order and to adopt democratic methods, will determine the pace and extent of territorial compromise. Not the ootside coercion of comprehensiveness; not the bearts of

glad. Before a final deal is done, Israeli voters will speak again, basing their judgment on the results of Mr. Rabin's PLO plunge. We can caution them or urge them on, but they take the risk and their hand has not lost its canning. It gails a pro-Israeli hawk to say but let's hope the slippery Mr.

.Arafat can deliver, The New York Times,

Making Sense of Defense

These Routine Cataclysms

The study of U.S. defense needs just completed by the Clinton administration is not profound, but it is important nonetheless. The importance lies only partly in the particular pattern of recommendations it makes as to the proper sizes of the army, navy and air force, as well as on the fate of certain weapons systems
— yes to another Seawolf attack submarine, no to certain new tactical aircraft, etc. The more important accomplishment may be to put the focus of debate back where it belongs -oot just on spending but on the underlying

questions of military capability and threat.

For 40 years the Soviet Union posed the central threat around which U.S. defense policy turned. The Soviet Union has oow dissolved, and the threat has receded, if oot disappeared. How large a military does the United States now need, and to avert which dangers? The defense debate has mostly been ed in recent months in the dome terms of possible budget savings versus the loss of jobs. That is oot what this debale should mainly be about.

There is an artificial quality to the new report, to be sure. The dangers to national security that it describes, and on which it is based, are necessarily more felt than sighted. Most people understand that it is a dangerous world and that it would be wrong to disarm to the incautious extent the country did between World War I and World War II.

But right now the threat has to be envisioned and projected. The report, with its talk of having to fight two "major regional conflicts" at once - the scenario is that one breaks out on the Korean Peninsula as another is breaking out in the Middle East - does this. Critics will pick at it and perhaps mock it, but now they

On a balmy September morning in 1938, The New York Times ran a weather forecast

on the bottom of Page 27 predicting "Rain

and Cooler." Nothing more, nothing less. Just

ern Seaboard - from Cape Hatteras, North

Carolina, to Kennebunkport, Maine - lay

in shambles. As William Manchester later

described it in his book "The Glory and the

Dream," 153 houses on Westhampton beach

had vanished, Atlantic City, Quogue, Provi-

dence and Springfield were under water; the

Shore Line of the New York, New Haven

and Hartford Railroad was trying to figure

out what to do with a 300-foot (90-meter)

steamship that lay across its tracks in New

London. The great burricane of 1938 bad

struck, leaving some 600 dead and 65,000

Hurricanes do more than point out our

fallibility as weather forecasters. They sur-

prise us profoundly with their random pow-

er. Even in this age of satellite tracking, Doppler radar and the Weather Channel,

each storm is an anomaly, each battering a

Twenty-four hours later most of the East-

a typical September day.

homeless in its wake.

will not be able to say just that the budget is bloated. They will have to say, this is the danger we are dismissing in the nation's name, this is the capability we propose to forgo - and sign their names. That is a harder step.

Our own sense is that the program around which the administration has now tried to put this protective shell is about right. The country is in the midst of a larger defense builddown than some of the current rhetoric might suggest. More would be reckless. The administration proposes that the army be cut almost in half from its level in 1990 —to 10 divisions from 18. The navy would go from 546 ships to 346, the air force from 24 active lighter wings and 12 reserve wings to 13 and 7. Those are not baby steps. The navy would keep 12 of the 16 carriers it had in 1990 — there had been talk of going lower - and the air force would get a new fighter, but most other proposed new tactical aircraft would be shelved: there was not money for all that the services wanted. The marines would get the tilt-rotor air-craft they want instead of helicopters to ferry troops on and to the battlefield. The additional Seawolf submarine would be built, although the navy does oot need it. The need is to maintain a defense industrial base and, in this case, keep in operation a company that can build a submarine (for which there are not too many civilian orders).

This is not a perfect defense program, nor as sophisticated a basis for the program as perhaps even some defense officials would want. But it does constitute a shift in the burden of proof. There is a different frame around the argument. The new report is a useful step.

one-time-only, singular event that divides

memory into two new compartments: before

Yet this really shouldn't be the case. Sep-

tember, as any adult who lives on America's

East Coast can artest, is hurricane season. The

clockwise vortexes churn up our shorelines with clocklike regularity; the almanaes and

history books are filled with death tolls and

damage estimates. Eliza Doolittle may have

sung that "In Hertford, Hereford and Hamp-

shire, hurricanes hardly happen," but people in Hatteras, Hempstead and the Hamptons

know otherwise. Mild-mannered Emily may

have missed many spots this week, but just as Bob, Hugo and Andrew left their mark in the

past, surely other hurricanes with other names

And people will undoubtedly be shocked,

and then stunned, and then determined to

rebuild, like small children, endlessly recreat-

ing sand castles against the tide. Is it folly? Denial? Perhaps. Or maybe it's just human

nature to be continually surprised at the rou-

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tine cataclysms of the natural world.

will do the same in the future.

he storm and after.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

After the Currency Crises, Can Europe Revive a Monetary Policy?

N EW YORK —The recent Euro-pean currency crisis was of a different nature - more fundamental and more frustrating — than the previous crisis, in September 1992.

Last year, Italy and Britain left th exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System because their economic position had become too weak to keep their overvalued currencies within the narrow, prescribed bands of the ERM.

In contrast, the recent turmoil around the Belgian, Danish and French currencies occurred despite the competitive position and external strength of the economies of these countries. Their balances of payments are sufficiently strong to justify keeping their currencies at their existing ERM parities. But the awk-ward combination of domestic recession and high real interest rates led to serious doubts in the financial markets that the authorities would give higher priority to currency stability than to the reduction of domestic

interest rates.

What are the lessons from this de facto termination of the ERM? It seems that a system of separate national economies with a goal of maintaining a limited degree of exchangerate flexibility can function in credible and sustainable way only if two basic conditions are fulfilled.

First, there must be an anchor currency (in this case the Deutsche mark). It must be recognized as such internaBy H. Onno Ruding

ound public financial policies. Second, other participants must surrender their national monetary autonomy and adopt exchange-rate and interest-rate policies that avoid tensions in the ERM.

What went wrong primarily is not that the Bundesbank adopted a strict anti-inflationary domestic monetary policy with high interest rates. That is

its responsibility by law.

The problem was the burden of German reunification combined with European recession. The cause was not German reunification but the unwillinguess in Boan to adopt a lessgenerous conversion rate for the East German mark, and the failure to finance the high costs of East German reconstruction by substantially lowering other government expenditures or by raising German taxes further. The resulting disruption of the government's finances, its enormous borrowing needs and the overheating of the German economy — fueled by wage increases — have led to mone-

tary disruption, as well. Another cause of the ERM's demise is the unwillingness of some EC countries to "tough it out" in the long-term interest of European integration. The urge to fight domestic recession by reducing domestic real interest rates

tionally, with domestic economic policies that are conducive to such a role

— particularly, low inflation and

makes become too strong a factor and undermined the stability of their currencies in light of the Bundesbank's

The financial markets have noted these incompatibilities in official policies, particularly that the conditions for a sustainable ERM no longer exist. and have acted accordingly. The market has raised the mirror of reality to the central banks and governments.

In September 1992 and again this year, several European politicians criticized the "speculators" for causing these currency problems. Some went so far as to suggest that there was a conscious effort by Anglo-Sax-ons or Americans to destabilize the EMS, despite a Bank for International Settlements report in February 1993, which found no evidence to support such a theory. In fact, the report showed that the largest curren-

cy movements were recorded by French, German and Benchix banks In 1992, we heard mainly British complaints; more recently, the voices were largely French and Belgian. I am alraid that they confuse cause and effect and follow the easy route of

finding a scapegoat.
Underlying the huge movements in the European currencies are four fac-tors: the liberalization of international capital flows and the deregulation of financial markets; the enormous growth of cross-border transactions by

and pension funds; the insufficient convergence of national economic-financial policies among the industrial countries, and the failure of internato grow in line with the volume of international financial flows.

Some European policymakers are making three mistakes: They blame speculators," they assume that the banks are the main speculators, and they think that capital controls can solve their problems. In blaming "speculators," they for-

get that a large portion of interna-tional currency transactions is not speculative in the sense of taking positions in order to make profits when exchange rates change. Rather, these transactions are defensive in that, by hedging existing currency exposure, market participants try to protect the value of their assets and cash flows. This applies to both industrial and financial institutions that previously invested in currencies which are now perceived to be weak.

The main role of the large banks in foreign exchange is to serve their clients - corporate treasures and fund managers — by executing orders in their role as market makers and intermediaries rather than as initiators or principals. The crux is that the markets have grown tremendously in recent years as a result of large volumes of customer transactions. The proprietary-trading transactions of the banks have grown, too, but less so. Indeed, in addition to strict internal trading limits on foreign exchange. banks are subject to oversight of their activities by regulators - usually the central banks.

Finally, some politicians have hinted at the reimposition of capital controls, either exchange restrictions or tax or monetary measures. These efforts are economically wrong, their effectiveness is doubtful, and the likelihood of their introduction is low. They are wrong because it would hamper the expansion of internatioual companies and investors, and would result in a major setback for

The recently completed "single" mar-ket of 1992, with free movement of goods, services, labor and capital would be enfeebled as far as capital is accined, a blow for the d of European integration and for the Maastricht trealy. Any remaining aspiration of monetary union can then be forgotten.

If individual conotries introduce such capital cootrols, as temporary "safeguards," they are likely to be self-defeating and ineffective in the long run: They will scare away for eign industrial and financial investors and complicate the financing of the national budget deficits.

Where do we now stand, after two devastating rounds of currency turmoil? The decision to widen the ERM band was probably the best "solu-tion." It is unlikely that a "real" ERM band can be restored in the foreseeable future. This does not depend on the behavior of "speculators" but on the convergence of the economic-fi-nancial policies of governments.

Although the goal of Maastricht —

European monetary union - remains desirable, its realization has disappeared beyond the horizon — the year 2000. At the time of the Maastricht conference. I belonged to those who considered the timetables too ambitious for a monetary union of all 12 members. A faster "inner track" of five or six countries remains more realistic.

What can we expect now? Volatility in the exchange markets and the un-certainty around European currencies will remain substantial. The "speculators" will no longer be able to benefit from unsuccessful central bank efforts to keep their currencies within the narrow ERM band, but investors will continue to execute large numbers of transactions through the banks to pro-

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Don't Blame Women for 'The Man' WASHINGTON — The Clin-

ton administration is making a grand show of touring the country

and holding public hearings about "welfare reform."

Women should be on guard.

Johnnie Tillmon, leader of the National Welfare Rights Organization in the 1966 used to call the tion in the 1960s, used to call the welfare system "The Man" because, she said, it ruled women's lives. The term still fits. Men are the

welfare "experis" and the systems they have designed is increasingly abusive of poor women struggling to raise children. For 20 years, a long line of male policy wouks have been complain-

ing that welfare "dependency" is America's major problem. By the works' reading, it is all right for people to receive money from Social Security or defense contracts or bank bail-outs. Only government largess to poor

mothers ruins character, breaks up

families, weakens the economy and bloats the budget. To listen to the male critics, you would think the welfare rolls were mushrooming and spending was spiraling out of sight. In fact, the welfare rolls stabilized in the early

1970s at about 3.6 million families

and began to grow only with the 1989 recession. Even now, Aid to Families With Dependent Children accounts for only | percent of the federal budget, or about \$22 billion a year. And rather than supporting families so generously as to encourage "depen-

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dency," the grants are painfully low, averaging \$370 a month in 1992. No state brings families up to the poverty line, even when food stamps are included. But desperate poverty under gov-

ernment auspices is not the critics' main problem. "Dependency" is, and their solution is to force women to go to work.

Not surprisingly, given high uoemployment and plummeting wage
levels for unskilled workers, the

much-vaunted welfare-to-work reforms and experiments under way can claim only marginal gains. Workfare is just one way in which "The Man" is trying to make women shape up.
Wisconsin's "learnfare" reduces
the checks of welfare mothers

whose children are truent; Maryland's "healthfare" docks mothers when their children do not receive health checkups or immunizations: New Jersey's "wedfare" offers a bonus to women who marry, while its "family cap" lowers the gram to women who have an additional child while on the rolls.

And some politicians talk about making Norplant, the contraceptive implant, a condition for receiving welfare money. In other words, poor women are supposed to become adequate pro-

unskilled women that paid enough to support a family and cover child and health care besides, does it really make sense to force poor mothers into a labor market flooded with other desperate job seekers? Is it same policy to force women to leave their children for jobs flip-

ping burgers or mopping floors?
What will this really do to their ability to be good parents, especially in neighborhoods plagued by drugs, crime and poor schools? If there were good job training, adequate child care and decent wages at the end of the road, many women would eagerly leave welfare. But such programs would cost up-ward of \$50 billion, so that is not

what government is doing, Instead,

the harassment of welfare mothers in the name of reform continues. Welfare mothers make good scapegoats at a time when politicians and experts need scapegoats. Welfare is a code word for women and for blacks. It singles out the most vulnerable people in society.

As the certainties about family and prosperity that once anchored life for most Americans crumble. the country's leaders, having little substantive to offer, point the finger of blame at poor women.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Kaiser's Revenge

BERLIN - People are amused at no article according to which the Kaiser refused to sleep at Strasburg because that town had returned a Socialist. It would be just as sensible to say that the Kaiser would refuse to sleep in Berlin because that city returned five Socialists and one Freisinnige Volks-parter member, which is the nearest thing to being Socialist. It is, however, true that the Kaiser did make a remark, without reflecting, about not doing anything for Strasburg because of its returning a Socialist. Upon this the independent press hastens to have its little joke.

1918: Biting Hindenburg PARIS - Canadian and English

troops, attacking just before dawn yesterday [Sept. 2], behind a monster. аггау of tanks, have bitten deeply into the Queant-Drocourt line, a switch of the Hindenburg line, and dealt the German a staggering blow

at one of the most vital points of his front in the West. The valleys of the Scarpe, the Sensee and the Cojeul have been defended bitterly by the enemy, for he saw that General Horne's advantage in this region threatened to buckle up the Hindenburg line at its northern extremity.

1943: Russian Onrush LONDON - [From our New York

edition: | Germany's 1941 invasion line

cracked once more today [Sept. 2] under the impact of five advancing Russiao armies, which cut the vital Bryansk-Kiev milway, punched out a gain of six miles toward Smolensk and crumpled enemy positions on a new 45-mile offensive front on the northern Donets Basin. The swiftness of the Russian onrush suggested that the Germans were making a wholesale re-treat toward the Dnieper River and were unable to withstand the force of Russia's immense manpower and motorized equipment. The Ukraine hastion of Sumy was also regained.

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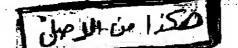
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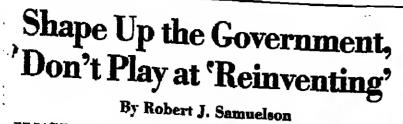
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WASHINGTON — We are all wait-Local transit subsidies: ing breathlessly for Vice Presi-These go to localities to buy and operdent Al Gore's report on how to "rein-vent government." Mr. Gore has been ate buses and subways. But local transit regaling audiences and reporters for

regulations that govern the hiring, firing

and promotion of federal workers. He

has waved around government ashtrays

while denouncing hideously complex purchasing rules: They say, for instance,

Mr. Gore won't reinvent government.

To do that, he would have to sear up the

constitution. "Reioventing govern-

ment" is just another slick phrase. The crucial question about Mr. Gore's report

(due on Tuesday) is whether its propos-

als go beyond streamlining rules and

consolidating programs.

Some or all of these recommendations

might be worthwhile. Even if they did not save money, they might improve

government's performance. But the crucial step in overhauling government is to decide what it should and should not do

— and then to eliminate the programs and agencies that do not belong. These are political choices, not questions of management efficiency. If Mr. Gore

does not make the choices, then his

report will largely be a sham and will not

Plenty of programs deserve to be eliminated. Although they may have

loyal constituencies, they do not serve any essential public purpose. For exam-ple, all of the following:

We do not need to subsidize farmers to

ensure adequate food supplies. Annual

savings: \$9 billion. (All savings are based on estimates by the Congressional Budget

Office. Figures are for fiscal 1998, permit-

The Small Business Administration:

Yes, America would still have small

husinesses if government did not lend

money, guarantee loans or advise a tiny

fraction of these companies through this

Trains that carry a trivial share of

intercity travelers (about 0.7 percent)

are not an essential government service.

Hey, the Cold War is over. We do not

need Radio Free Europe, the Voice of

America or TV Marti. People around the world can tune in CNN, Annual

We have plenty of art, radio and TV

without government subsidizing them. Scrap the National Endowments for the

Arts and Humanities. Also kill the Cor-poration, for Public Broadcasting, Au-nual savings: \$700 million.

agency. Annual savings: \$1 billion.

Annual savings: \$950 million,

Propaganda broadcasts:

savings: nearly \$700 million.

Coltural subsidies:

ting programs to be phased out.)

chieve many permanent savings.

Farm income supports:

is not a national matter. Localities should decide how much they want to months with horror stories about absurd subsidize local transit with their taxes. government rules. He has ridiculed the Anoual savings: \$4.1 billion. Farmers Home Administration:

It subsidizes housing and farm-operating loans, Defaults are high, because borrowers are often not credit-worthy. Annual savings: \$1 billion to \$2 billion, depending on how fast loans are ended. Highway "demonstration" projects:

that ashtrays shouldn't splinter ioto more than 35 pieces if dropped.

All this is good theater. It may not be much else. You can be sure of one thing: These projects, required by Congress, often would oot be approved by states. This type of road building serves mainly political — not transportation — needs. Annual savings: \$1.2 billion. These cuts total roughly \$20 billion

annually, and they are just a start. For space reasons, the list does not include many small but unneeded programs, such as the Rural Electrification Administration (1998 savings: \$200 million). It also excludes many questionable big programs (the space station, community development block grants) for which at least a modest "public interest" case might be made. The programs on the list

are the worst of the worst.

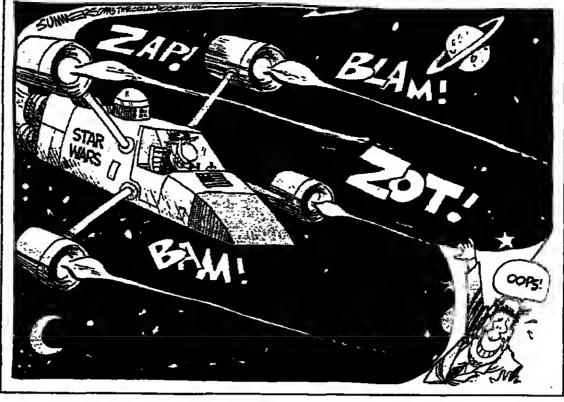
That judgment, of course, will incite howls of protests. You will hear that the programs do a lot of good and that their demise would create huge hardships. Nonsense. "A lot of good" doesn't justify government spending. Baskin-Robbins ice cream does lots of good, but we don't subsidize it. And ending these programs would not trigger a series of social calamities. Federal transit subsidies, for instance, equal only about 9 percent of local transit operating deficits. Government will never operate as ef-

ficiently as the private market, where companies that do not provide desired products at acceptable costs fail. The only way to end wasteful government spending is to end it. That's why Mr. Gore should name names and argue that many programs are not needed. Eliminating them won't end budget deficits. Curbs on health spending, retirement programs and new taxes also are needed. But abolishing some programs would belp, while also establishing the principle that all programs are not immortal.

This would foster a climate in which other outdated programs could be ended. It would also make it easier to enact process changes — simpler hiring, firing or procurement rules.
All this ought to fit the White House

political agenda. President Bill Clinton is seen as being soft on spending. He also pledged at the end of the fight over his budget to make more spending cuts. For once, the White House should get ahead of its critics. Mr. Gore's report is the place to start. Government doesn't need to be reinvented. It needs to be

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefits of Immigration

Regarding "Immigration: Silhouettes on the Signs Outline a Nation's Choice' (Opinion, Aug. 19) by George F. Will:

In Austria, where I now live, foreigners are barred from all but entry-level jobs in the university system, financial services and the public-sector job mar-ket. The lack of immigrant and minority input is one of the reasons Austria has become, compared to its pre-World War II status, a scientific backwater.

President Bill Clinton's regrettable change of heart on immigration and refugee policy must oot go unchallenged. History has taught us that immigrants are only a threat to job security and wage levels when they are not pro-tected and supported by trade unions

When immigrants enjoy the same pay and social status as their native-born and naturalized co-workers, they quickly move up the economic ladder, making room for oewcomers on the lower rungs. This experience is common to North America and Western Europe, An opendoor policy makes both economic and cultural sense. Make room for those willing to compete on the open market and may the better woman or man win.

EUGENE SENSENIG.

The Indians of Brazil Regarding "Defend Indigenous Rights m Brazil" (Opinson, Aug. 27):

Terence Turner writes that the invasion of the Yanomami Indian reserve by gold miners had "strong support from within the national government," and he ignores the action of Brazilian authorities in favor of the Indians.

In the case of the recent murder of Yanomamis, government authorities immediately opened an investigation. The president of Brazil, Itamar Franco, ordered the justice minister, the prose-cutor general of the republic and the president of the National Indian Foundation to go to the scene to follow the situation in person and to consider what

measures to take. The fate of the Yanomamis preoccupies the society and the government of my country, as confirmed by the deci-sion in November 1991, despite opposition, to create, in Roraima State, a reserve for the Yanomamis three times the size of Belgium - this for a total of about 10,000 Indians. Because outsiders were to be barred from the reserve,

45,000 gold miners were expelled. Since early in this century, Brazil has had a policy of protecting and helping its indigenous peoples and their institu-tions. The protection of the indigenous population is required by the Brazilian Constitution, including the right of Indians to their land and to the demarcation of their territories.

in all, an area of oearly 800,000 square kilometers (300,000 square miles), more than one and one half times the size of France, has been set aside for the Indians of Brazil.

Mr. Turner affirms that "many senior officers appear to view domestic and foreign efforts to protect the ecology and indigenous peoples of the Amazon region as a threat to national security." On the contrary, the armed forces

have always participated in measures in favor of the Indians in Brazil's Amazon basin and have played a decisive social role in assistance to them, including

food and medical treatment. Mr. Turner says that the Brazilian press and public support "repeal of the constitutional protections of the Yano-mami and other Indians." But the massacre of the Yanomamis profoundly shocked Brazilian society, as reported in the international press. The Brazilian press reacted strongly, and in no way approved the murder of the Yanomamis.

Finally, I would like to point out that conflicts between the Yanomamis and gold miners constitute a complex problem with implications beyond the pro-tection of the Indians.

> C. A. LETTE BARBOSA Ambassador of Brazil.

The Hard Moral Path

The Gospel sets demanding standards of moral conduct that Christians have never found easy to follow. Andrew Greeley ("Catholicism: The Laity Will Keep Doing It Their Way in Bed," Opin-ion, Aug. 25) seems to conclude that those Catholics who fail to follow the Pope's or the church's teaching on, say, teaching is no longer true. I wonder.

abortion or contraception, think the Many people are coovinced that the Pope is speaking obvious truths that the world may find hard to live up to, but badly needs to hear, and has little diffi-

culty in appreciating and admiring.

C. BURKE.

Our Marches Won't Make The Dream Come True

By William Raspberry

W women — black, intelligent and as dignified as a latter-day Rosa Parks - were asked to give up their seats so the Bethesda Crab House could accommodate a party of six whites. They declined to do so. Then the women hungry and tired after participating in the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington, were ordered to give up their seats. Again they refused. Finally, they were told to leave the suburban Maryland restaurant.

There is something poignantly symbolic about the incident — an almost

MEANWHILE

perfect commentary on the state of black America and the relevance in the 1990s of the 1960s-style protest that reached its culmination 30 years ago.

First, for those (like me) who insist that the battle against segregation and overt racism has largely been won and that it is time for new priorities, last Saturday's incident is a reminder that it is not really over. (Henry Vechery, owner of the restaurant, says race had nothing to do with it — that customers are frequently asked to take smaller tables so that larger parties can be seated. They have all their marches and get bent out of shape," be added.)
Partly because I know one of the

women — I remember Josie Bass from her days as a leader of an NAACP branch — and partly because Mr. Ve-chery and his staff have not alleged nduct on the part of the women, beyond their refusal to give up their table, I have no doubt that they were treated rudely. Was it race-based rudeness? I don't know. Ms. Bass, Gwen Kimbrough, a businesswoman, and Marjorie Jenkins, her administrative assistant, say nobody ottered any racial

trigger words.
But, then, nobody said the magic words at Denny's, the restaurant chain that has entered into a settlement with the NAACP after at least three incidents of mistreatment of black patrons.
That stuff still happens.
The significant point, though, is that it

does not happen much anymore. One is surprised, after all, to hear about clear-cut racism at Denny's or last weekend's rudeness, which, at the very least, involved unbelievable racial insensitivity.

One is oot surprised by good, friendly and courteous treatment of black clients at restaurants in the deepest of the Deep

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WASHINGTON - The three South. The 1963 march and the movement it symbolized brought the change the marchers demanded. Segregation

has been outlawed. Jim Crow buried.

overt racism pushed to the darkest corners of American life. But the millennium hasn't come. Many black Americans — particularly university-educated professionals — are doing well enough that Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous dream is tantalizingly close to reality. But for too many others

- notably those now described as the "underclass" — little has changed. That is also part of the irony of last Saturday. Speaker after speaker de-scribed the 1993 march as the device to do for today's problems what the 1963

march did for segregation.

But the particular evidence of today's problems, cited by the speakers, includ-ed lower school achievement, joblessness, shorter life expectancy, teen parenting, fatherless households, drug abuse and violence, including record levels of homicide.

The 1963 marchers demanded that Congress enact laws to overturn Jim Crow: voting rights laws, public accommodations laws, laws against discrimination and segregation. What were the 1993 demands, and upon whom were they made? Apart from the demand for statehood for the District of Columbia, unspecified job creation programs and support for health-care reform, it was

hard to see what Congress — or anyone else — was being asked to do.

The lesson of August 1963 was the importance of reducing problems to their moral essence and then laying them at the feet of these who could them at the feet of those who could do something about them. Not only was the essential immorality of segregation clear, but it was also clear that Congress — and only Congress — could do some-

thing about it.
The essence of black America's problem today is behavioral, and only black America can do anything about it. We can, as happened in the '60s, enlist the official and unofficial help of all who have help to give. But the leadership — in curbing black-on-black crime, redeeming our communities and rescuing

our children - must be ours. The problems we fought in the '60s still turn up, like weeds in a garden, and they have to be addressed - by law, where that is appropriate, and always by men and women of goodwill. Nothing would be more helpful oow than for those whites who value civility and fairness to call the Henry Vecherys of the world to

account. I hope it will happen.

But, though 1 understand the insult, inconvenience and bumiliation three black women endured at the Bethesda Crab House that day, Mr. Vechery is not

our main problem.

Rescuing our children is, and marching won't get it done. Washington Post Writers Group.

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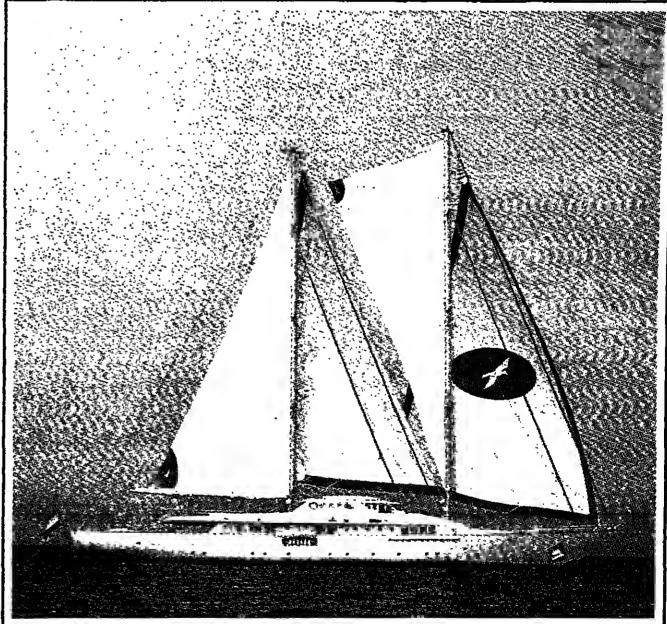
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Vacation Calm in Núria Valley With No Cars and a Lone Hotel

By Al Goodman

ALL DE NURIA, Spain - The first steady visitor to the secluded, high-mountain Núria Valley in eastern Spain was said to be a religious hermit long ago. Pilgrims followed. But the snow-capped valley in the Catalan Pyré-nées did not become a resort until well-heeled Barcelona outdoor enthusiasts discovered hiking and skiing there early this century.

The changes since then have been less abrupt than an alpine hailstorm in summer. Cattle and sheep still graze on the verdant slopes during warm months, behind the lone hotel, in keeping with the valley's namesake, Núria, the patroness of Pyrenean shepherds.

Spain's only cogwheel train began service to Núria Valley in 1931 and its bold ascent along the granite cliffs of a deep river gorge remains the best way to reach the valley — unless you want to hike uphill for eight kilo-meters (five miles) from the nearest village. But there are no cars, and managers of the

all-year resort undergoing a renaissance are betting that limited access to the valley holds the key to its touristic future. "There was talk 15 years ago about bringing the highway up here. Fortunately that plan didn't get very far," said Joan Pons, of Nuria Valley's marketing department. "We don't want the valley to be overbuilt."

The only big structure in the 1,967-meter valley is a four-story edifice completed in 1931. The building houses the renovated hotel (\$35 to \$70 per double), where telephones are being added this year to the 65 guest rooms; a Roman Catholic church-shrine; a restaurant,

store and snack bar. A 130-bed youth hostel is perched around a bend on another mountain clearing out of sight from the main river-fed valley. Back-

packers may pitch a tent in a camping zone.

Nuria Valley is the focal point for what
amounts to seven valleys carved by glaciers.

The area is a protected natural space where

Catalans have long used the site, just a few hours north of Barcelona, as an outdoor stag-ing ground, and horseback riding was added this year. But other Spaniards and foreigners arrive in far fewer numbers.

Most visitors limit the excursion to a day trip. When the last train back to town leaves in the evening, the valley's small overnight contingent can easily get a proprietary feeling

for the normally tranquil surroundings.

A 14-year, \$47 million improvement plan is nearing completion in the valley, including renovations to the train and main building and the addition of artificial snow machines for the ski slopes. They also are removing an outdated ski lift, which is an eyesore, and putting some electrical wires underground.

The train trip begins at Ribes de Freser, a small town that bossts two railroad stations. The Ribes-Enllag station links the start of the cogwheel line with Spain's normal train service RENFE (\$9 from Barcelona). The other station, Ribes-Vila, is in the heart of town and a good place to leave the car. It is a 12.5 kilometer climb on the cogwheel

electric train to Núria Valley (\$14 and 11/2 hours round-trip). The maximum speed as-cending is 14 miles per hour; slower coming

The route showcases sheer drops of 100 meters from the tracks to the gorge below, gushing waterfalls, seven tunnels, and clumps of rhododendron and other wildflowers clutching the hillsides.

A serpentine footpath seen from the train also climbs to Núria Valley but it starts at Queralbs, the tiny stone village that is the only other train station on the route.

Some visitors ride the train up and walk down (2½ hours). Fewer people try it the other way around.

Once in the valley, the excursions to surrounding mountains range from easy to difficult, winter and summer. The hikes last an hour or all day and follow

generally well-marked trails through pine for-ests, high-mountain meadows or barren landscapes covered with granite shards. Rowboats may be rented (\$4.50) on a small lake and a brief cable car ride (\$5) reaches the youth bostel for a different breathtaking vista.

The Coll Verd meadow is tailor-made for picnics and just a half-hour's gentle climb from the hotel.

Guides are available for longer treks, such as scaling the 2,913 meter Puigmal, highest peak in the eastern Pyrénées. Pilgrims have marked the summit with several old crosses. The northwest view is to France and one crosses the border simply by taking a few steps downhill from the summit in that direc-

Several other points of the Núria Valley enclave also abut France. Hikers and horseback riders (\$46 per day) can cross the un-guarded border in a few hours along routes used by tobacco and coffee smugglers after the Spanish Civil War and World War II.

URING winter, the resort has 10 alpine ski runs totaling only eight kilometers. The longest run takes just a few minutes to complete and the emphasis is on novice skiing and

family outings.

Hardier skiers try Núria Valley for mountain skiing," using specially fitted alpine-type boots and skis to climb up under their own power and then charge downward.

Núria Valley is not a late-night destination, but like all of Spain, the resort has been known to keep longer hours on special week-ends and holidays. On those occasions, the final cogwheel train pulls out of the valley well after dark

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View of the Núria Valley in the Spanish Pyrénées near the French border, a small resort for skiing and hiking little known outside Catalonia, top; El Banus, located in the town of Tavernales, and one of the dozens of farmhouses with rooms for rent in the Catalan countryside.

Farmhouse Tourism Opens Doors To Best Aspects of Country Living

farmhouse used to bang loudly, before they started renting bedrooms to over-night tourists. But then there were com-plaints about the noise and the family matriarch came up with a solution: a cro-cheted round cushion attached to the foot of the door allows it to shut silently.

Farmhouse tourism in Spain, not yet as developed as in France and Italy, is coming of age. Service and standards are improving at Spanish farmhouses and it is easier to make advance reservations in regions such as Anda-lusia, Navarre, and the Basque country.

The eastern region of Catalonia is is in the

vanguard and soon to inaugurate the Turisverd computerized reservation service for 115 rural lodgings in Catalonia --- from bedand-breakfast in a house shared with the farm family (\$14 to \$33 for two) to renting an entire house for a weekend (\$110 to \$310)

or longer.

At the same time, Catalonia's offer of countryside sports — from golfing to mountain biking and horseback riding — has matured, and farmhouse hosts are more aware of the activities in their area.

Rural tourism here has grown because many vacationers are fed up with the often overcrowded Spanish beaches and because the nation's agricultural sector has shrunk, forcing farmers to find other income, industry experts sny. Farm families can get Euro-pean Community or Spanish public subsi-dies to convert rural houses for tourism.

HE Bosch home in Santa Cristina d'Aro is just a short drive to the Costa Brava but a world apart. Here one finds the typical Catalan masia with arched-brick ceilings and old carved wooden furniture. The Boschs' wall decorations are pitchforks and country kitchen utensils, and there are shared bathrooms.

The main door is locked at midnight because, as the family matriarch explains, Tourists who want to party late should stay in town." Downstairs at the house, known as Mas Pla, is a country-style restaurant. Din-ner for two (\$43) may include enormous salads, arrox a la cazuela (rice casserole with rabbit, chicken and Catalan sausage) and good local wines.

Some farmhouses have a specific focus, such as the equestrian school and riding stables at Can Sort, owned by Cristina Sole and Jaume Dalman. Sole was a photographer and Dalman a lawyer before leaving careers in Barcelona 17 years ago to start anew. The stables and training corrals are just behind the house, which looks out on a village stone church and the distant, deep blue Pyrénées. The typical fare is \$47 for room, balf-board,

and a two-hour guided ride or class.

The couple's horse farm is between Figueras, home to the Dall museum (open daily during the summer) and the beachfront town of La Escala. In the latter, a

ANTA CRISTINA D'ARO, Spain

The heavy wooden salon door at the Bosch family's 17th-century bike tours and horseback rides, on alternat-

ing days (tel. (34) 72-10-33-00).

A 12-mile mountain bike tour (\$13, including bike rental) to El Montgri massif, climbs gently to the Punta de Mila a promis ontory above the turquoise Mediterranean. The cliff is topped with abandoned battle-ments built by Franco.

The guides ably discuss the route's sights, such as the types of pine trees in the forest, the ruins of a Romanesque-style stone church and the secluded villages with fortified towers that were used to fight off coastal pirates who wandered inland. The ride ends on the new paved promenade separating the beach from the exhibit of early Greek and Roman settle-ments at Empuries, adjacent to La Escala. Most of the farmhouses in the Turisverd

reservation system are near the Pyrénées, a few hours from Barcelona. They are supposed to have a maximum of 15 guest beds, but during the summer some homes amply exceed the limit, and it's worth requesting the house's

bed total when making a reservation.

Dozens of other Catalan farmhouses do not appear in the Turisverd system. Some are als rented for \$1,500 a week this summer.

Other farmhouses are described in the Cat-alan government's Residenciès-Casa de Pages 1993, available at tourist offices.

A 19th-century house called La Palma. near a river, is in the 1993 guide. The meals are natural-foods with starters like zucchiniand-cheese soup. On a recent weekend, the main clients were a yoga-and-meditation group from nearby Figueras, celebrating the full moon. The Spanish countryside seemed big enough to handle all kinds of visitors.

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■ Will Elvis never die? Crown Publishers is putting out "The Life and Cuisine of Elvis Presley," a no-rolls-barred account of the meals that stretched a thousand jumpsuits. The "food biography" is the tongue-in-cheek work of David Adler, who interviewed Elvis's Graceland cooks, his valet, his Tupelo, Mississippi, neighbors and gathered menus from Elvis's high school, the Army and Las Vegas hotels. Among the facts turned up by Adler's research: Elvis's favorite dessert was Del Monte fruit. cocktail with coconut flakes, raisins and minimarshmallows. As for napkins: Save 'em. "He used towels," revealed Billy Stanley, Elvis's stepbrother.

In Indonesia, Life in a Duffel Bag

By Perri Klass

ONG trips. I crave long trips. Not just long dis-tances, far-flung destinations, but trips that go on for more than a couple of weeks. Trips in which traveling is not just a brief escape from your real life, but actually becomes your way of life. 1 am talking about a peculiar hybrid of "On the Road" and "Across Asia on the Cheap," the famous Lonely Planet yellow bible that pointed hip young travelers in the 1970s to the right crash pads in Istanbul, Tehran, Kabul and, above all, Katmandu. Long trips, long periods of time in motion, a speck crawling in an eccentric path around the globe.

It is a travel ideology that cele-brates the rucksack, the backpack, the sleeping bag. When I was 18 years old, I more or less saw the world that way. It was the almost statutory '70s Year Off From College in Europe With Boyfriend. We slept in tollbooths (well, once), hitchhiked our way across Iran (we were idiots), carried only what would fit in our backpacks.

lot of short trips. And some not-soshort trips. But not until last sumshort trips. But not until last summer did we really attempt what seemed like a Long Trip: 10 weeks of an idiosyncratic itinerary ranging from Prague to Bali. And somehow its defining moment came during an episode in the luggage claim area of the airport at Jogia-karta Indonesis.

We had flown from Hong Kong, where we had just spent a couple of culturally enriching weeks eating constantly, to Jakarta. There we had changed planes and had discovered that for domestic flights on Garuda Indonesia Airlines, those who get to the counter first per on the flight. the counter first get on the flight. We used Josephine, our large, hot, and by then cranky, 2-year-old as an aggressive weapon, got to the counter and got on the flight to Jogjakarta, cultural capital of central Java, university city, jumping-off point for trips to the great tem-ples of Prambanan and Borobudur. Yes, all four of us got to Jogiakarta.

We waited to see whether any of our luggage had also made the tran-sition. Josephine passed the time by

grown-ups. Her 8-year-old brother, Orlando, was immersed in a collec-

tion of Lily Wong comic strips.
Hurrah! Here was the big duffel.
Wonderful! Here was the even bigger duffel, the one that could only be

of course our carry-on luggage. Four people, exercising their right to two a shopping bag full of the toys and books the children were unable to fit into their own little backpacks -

dragged along. Ah, and the so-called small suitcase, the one that could theoretically be carried by an adult who was simultaneously dragging a cranky 2-year-old.

And then came a pause. We sat among the bags we had claimed, and

carry-ons apiece, can generate quite a bit of debris. You have your two adults, each carrying one shoulder bag bursting with books and papers. One adult also carries an emergency bag, packed with one change of clothing for each family member— and two extra changes for Jose-, who is prone to occasional well-placed (in every sense) bouts of air sickness. The other adult carries eight Lily Wong collections, for ex-ample. Orlando carries my knitting bag, which, while bulky, is at least comparatively light. And so on.

The conveyor belt started up again. To our tremendous relief, out came our portable crib, Josephine's safe, familiar haven in hotel rooms

Then we got older and got jobs suarling and whining, while her parand had a couple of kids and took a cuts tried to remember they were the another suitease, whose existence we had been trying to forget - a bag that after a month of traveling was filled with dirty laundry. But those were the only ones that came. We had been separated from the article

> our continued vagabond existence: the diaper bag. Well, I will tell you right away that Garuda came through for us, and we were reunited with our dispers by the very next flight from Jakarta. But it was while sitting in that airport, surrounded by our personal effects, worrying over the possi-ble loss of yet another trunkload of essential items, that I realized that

of luggage perhaps most essential to

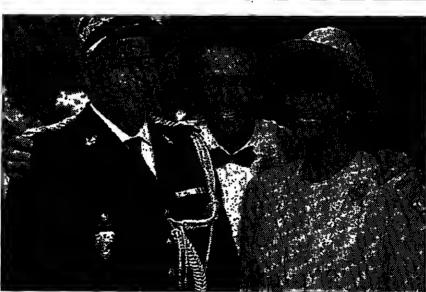
a very basic shift of travel aesthetic We were not self-styled bits of wind-blown dust. We were not casual dofters, going wherever the road might take us. On the con-trary, we were a full-blown expedi-

tion, a voyage of discovery posi-tively Victorian in its obsession with enumerated accouterments. This is heavy, ponderous travel; you shift yourselves and the ground

shakes. You make your entrance into hotel lobbies, and give the staff the best laugh they've had in weeks. Oh, the stuff we carried made perfect sense; we needed the books and toys and changes of clothes — never mind the diapers — and what's the point of travel if you don't buy souvenirs? When you travel for more than a

couple of weeks, maybe you don't leave your life behind. Instead, maybe you take some of your life along, and try living it in different places.

Perri Klass, a pediatrician in Bos-ton, wrote this for The New York Times





"Son of the Pink Panther": at left, Herbert Lom, Roberto Benigni and Claudia Cardinale; Benigni as Clouseau Jr.

Son of the Pink Panther Directed by Blake Edwards,

The future of Blake Edwards's "Pink Panther" series, which has resumed after a 10-year absence

with "Son of the Pink Panther," will depend largely on whether andiences find Roberto Benigni, the talented comic actor who has appeared in two Jim Jarmusch films, is as funny as Peter Sellers. It almost goes without saying that Benigm's character, Jacques Clouseau Jr., the French detective who follows in his famous tive who follows in ms ramous father's bumbling footsteps, has inherited many of the elder Clouseau's qualities. He is indefatigably self-confident but hopelessly clumsy. Although

given to literary sirs, he slaugh-ters the language, turning flow-ery oratory into farcical mush. But Benigni has a sharply differ-ent comic style from Sellers, who died in 1980. Where Sellers's Clouseau père was a hopeless suob who exuded a prepositarous pomposity when not groping his way out of scrapes, Renigni's Clouseau fils has no visible social ambitions. He is a dimwitted clown with a goofy gleam in his eye. Where Sellers was always brushing himself off and hastily trying to reassemble a shattered dimits. Reassemble has no discriminations of the seller dignity, Benigni has no dignity to salvage. "Son of the Pink Panther" seems intent enough on wanting to continue the series to have brought back characters from earlier episodes. Once

again, Herbert Lom plays Drey-fus, the police commissioner whom Clousean unwittingly out-wits; Burt Kwonk and Graham Stark put in token appearances as Clousean's manservant, Cato, and his disguise maker, Dr. Balls. What "Son of the Pink Panther" doesn't have, in addition to Sellers, is a screenplay that is even semi-coherent. The tale begins with the kidnapping of a Middle Eastern princess (Debrah Farentino) from the royal yacht by a gang demand-ing a \$100 million ransom and the king's abdication. No sooner has the plot been set up than it is all but discarded, and the movie turns into one long, messy chase interspersed with farcical set pieces. As the movie accelerates

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out of control into a series of frantically intercut scenes that lack basic community, the fun turns into a collection of abrupt non sequiturs. In a series of films famous for their openings, "Sou of the Pink Panther" has the flashiest title sequence of all with Bobby McFeorin singing several parts, weaving variatious around Heary Mancini's familiar theme. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

The Room Directed by Shion Sono, Ja-

An extraordinarily rigorously

constructed film: a series of long-lasting shots that purposely outstay their story value, their interest, and their wel-come — all in the interest of impressing with their veristic value. Perfectly photographed, with a detailed and literal sound track, the picture does have a certain claustrophobic power - since one can never be sure of the intentions of the young director, whose debut film this is. A technique this rigorous in the hands of the masters (Dreyer, Ozu, Antonioni) can indeed compel a belief and a sympathy rare in the cinema, but these directors are careful that their intentions do oot have to compete with plot. Sono, on the other hand, uses all of this rigor simply to illustrate a story about an old gangster looking for a good room (a clean, well-lighted place) in which to shoot himself. The resuit is a special kind of sentimentality: an invitation to lav-ish patient emotion on a notably unworthy subject.
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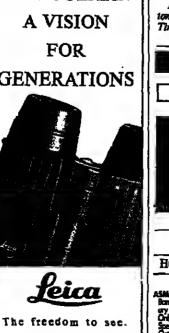
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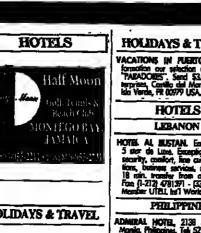
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True Value in Flying: Not Always Just Price

By Roger Collis
International Herald Tribune

UYING airline tickets is a compromise, a trade-off between convenience, cost and comfort. Value is not what you pay but what you get commensurate with what you need. It means different things to different people at different times. It may mean getting a first-class ticket at a business-class fare, a free stopover or avoiding the Saturday night nonsense with an excursion ticket.

Start by exploring the options and asking the right questions. Are you concerned primarily with price or with the fastest routing? Are you prepared to change planes twice to earn frequent-flier miles? How much flexibility do you need? How much would you sacrifice for a better deal?

The most expensive way to travel is to turn up at an airport and buy a full-fare ticket. And yet a full-fare ticket can be the best bargain if you are able to use its flexibility, not only by being able to switch flights and carriers and make unlimited stopovers en route but by exploiting International Air Transport Association rules that allow you to fly up to 25 percent more miles between two points free or for a small surcharge. This

is known as "fare construction."

Thus you can sometimes save as much as 30 percent by combining separate round trips on one ticket. You don't have to tie yourself down to flights or dates, and the combined ticket is valid for a year, with no cancellation or reissue charges except for rerouting. It works well for first, business, economy or a mixture of classes.

Let's say you're planning two trips from London, to Singapore and to Boston a month later. Separate tickets would cost you about \$6,000 in business class. Combining the trips on one ticket will save you about \$600. Another device is to combine two types of fare on the same ticket, say a point-to-point fare on the way out and a fare allowing

unlimited stopovers on the way back. You can save up to 40 percent.

The converse is "split ticketing," whereby you take advantage of a weaker currency by buying separate tickets for the outward and return journeys. If you travel a lot to a country with e weaker currency, say from London to Bombay, it makes sense to buy an initial one-way ticket and a series of round-

trips at the other end. You can sometimes take advantage of anomalies in IATA tariffs that make it cheaper to buy a ticket to a point beyond your destination. If you travel regularly among several cities in Europe it can make sense to buy an open one-way ticket routed from Helsinki to Palma allowing for stopovers in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Paris and Nice. The Helsinki-Nice fare is the same as Helsinki-Palma. So when you've finished your business in Nice, you

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Some of the best airline deals are on the ground. Competition has led carriers to offer a free 24-hour package to long-hani first- or business-class passengers who travel through their main hubs. A general rule is that you must be making an "involuntary stop" of four to 24 hours — in other words, if there is no onward connection that day. So make some there isn't.

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If you want to visit Amsterdam, you could do worse than take advantage of a KLM Stay on the Way package. It is free to KLM passengers paying full fare on an intercontinental flight via Schiphol to a destination outside the Netherlands. Transfers, hotel and meals are free for a 24-hour stay.

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THE INVENTION OF PORNOGRAPHY: Obscenity and the Origins of Modernity, 1500-1800

Edited by Lynn Hunt. Illustrated. 411 pages. \$26.95. Zone

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

S AY the word "pornography" today and one thinks of blue movies on cable television, raunchy magazines published by the likes of Larry Flynt and dirty books: both those prettily packaged novels la-beled "crotica" and the sleazier sort sold in the backs of Times Square newsstands. The main link such items would seem to have with the world of politics at large is the wrath they incite in both conservatives decrying the moral collapse of the nation and feminists, like Susan Brownmiller, decrying the dehumanization of women.

As this fascinating new collection of essays makes clear, however, this conception of pornography is a relatively recent Western notion that only gained currency during the ear-ity years of the 19th century. In the centuries before that, pornography was not a separate and distinct genre created to arouse sexual feelings; rather, it was a vehicle used to criticize the political and religious authorities through the shock of sex. Indeed, Lynn Hunt, the editor of this volume, argues that "early mod-ern pornography reveals some of the most important nascent characteristics of modern culture": it was linked, she says, not only with freethinking and heresy, but also with the animating ideas behind the Repaissance, the scientific revolution. the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.

In her last book, an illuminating cultural history of the French Revolotion ("The Family Romance of the French Revolution," Universi-ty of California Press), Hunt showed how obscene drawings of an impotent Louis XVI and a castrating Marie Antoinette embodied popular attitudes toward the monarchy during its last years. In the concluding essay of this volume, she amplifies this idea, arguing that politically motivated pomography actually helped to bring about the Revolution by undermining the legitimacy of the ancien regime as a social and political system.

White House Interfaith Breakfas that he is reading "The Culture of Disbelief" by Stephen L. Carter. "The subtitle of the book is:

How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion.' And I would urge you all to read it . . . because at least it lays a lot of these issues out that I am trying to grapple with."

(Paul Horvitz, 1HT)



New York

the decade before the Revolution, naissance Italy as both a product of and boomed during the early years of the Revolution. Aristocrats were portrayed as debauched and rid-dled with venereal disease; the queen was depicted as sleeping with her valets and her own son. Whereas pornography had tradi-tionally been the preserve of a small group of wealthy aristocrats. says Hunt, it now became a force of democratization: pictures depict-ing "the availability of the queen's body" implied that the queen's body was "available to every man."

As for the other essays in this pects of the social and political im-plications of pornography in the compelling essay in "The Invention as the victimized whore, plications of pornography in the years before the French Revolu-tion. Paula Findlen, who teaches years before the French Revolu-tion. Paula Findlen, who teaches history at the University of Califor-at the New School for Social Re-

and reaction to the culture's em-brace of classical antiquity. Rachel Weil, an assistant professor of his-tory at Cornell, examines efforts in Restoration England to draw analogies between political absolutism and sexual debauchery in the reign of Charles II. And Wijnand W. Mijnhardt, a professor of cultural history at the University of

nia, looks at pomography in Re- search. Explicating the connections of The New York Times.

that developed in the 18th century between pornography and the new philosophy of materialism, she ar-gues that both postulated a world subject only to the physical laws of nature, a world in which the rules of religion and traditional ethics had no bold.

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in Maschera," Puccini'e "Madama Butterfly.

"Metaphysical materialism," she writes, "was seized upon by pornographers eager to describe, eroticize and, not least, to preach the ethics of the libertine driven by desire, by the relentless motion inherent in matter. Pornographic literature presented by anonymous authors spoke to the same public that read the new journals and novels, that bought and sold, that traveled far and wide and inhabited a universe now seen by us as nascently modern.

With the exception of one jargon-filled article about "the interrelation of the obscene word and the pornographic effect," the es-says in this volume are remarkably lucid and well-argued. Although the current feminist debate about history at the University of Utrecht, examines the conjunction of a high level of religious and political toleration in the 18th-centulitical toleration in the 18th-centulitical toleration in the lack of examining the shifting roles played political pornography.

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New York Bridge Association, is nearing its end. The last undefeated team, which will now wait for the results of the losers bracket, consists of Michael and Judi Radin, Michael Kopera, Edgar Kaplan, Brian Glubok and Nick Nickell. Playing together at the Beverly Club, with Glubock and Nickell absent, they defeated a group led by John Solodar by a margin of 45

In a recent Chicago game Judi Radin held the South hand shown in the diagram, and was faced with a difficult decision when East, in

By Alan Truscott

But if the North and West hands

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Even the nine-trick contract proved difficult after e diamond ead. East was allowed to win the jack, and shifted to the club nine, South won with the club ace, and could see only seven tricks. An eighth appeared when the ace and king of hearts were cashed and the queen appeared, surprisingly from 4QJ643

Next South cashed her spade and diamond winners, crossed to the heart jack and led a spade. West scored two spade tricks and led the club queen. This was allowed to third seat, opened with a highly win, and another club lead gave imaginative three-diamond bid. South two more tricks with the ten win, and another club lead gave Social and pointical system.

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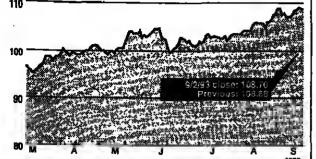
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WALL STREET WATCH

Making Dicey Real Estate Into an Attractive Gamble

By Jeanne B. Pinder New York Times Service

EW YORK - A California home builder recently raised a pile of money by selling notes with a rating below investment grade that promised a startlingly high 10.375 percent interest rate. Using the draw of high yield, the builder, Baldwin Co., collected \$155 million, attracting investors to already behind or in default on about \$143 million in loans. A yield of around 20 percent was reportedly the draw in another real estate deal, this ooe from Daiwa Securities America.

It turned a package of nursing-bome mortgages into five classes for securines: three with investment-grade ratings and two with considerably more credit risk. Securities backed by

One—sold privately, and there-fore not publicly described—commercial property

reportedly yielded around 20 are booming. percent. The two deals illustrate a trend: High yields are drawing big money into the depressed real estate market — and especially into securities that promise high returns but carry either investment-service ratings that are below

investment grade, or no ratings at all. And the money is coming oot just from traditional real estate

"What you have is a marketplace that is obviously chasing yield, and real estate can produce the yield," said Stan Ross, managing partner of Kenneth Leventhal & Co., an accounting firm that specializes in real estate. "It's a signal that there is some capital returning to real estate. What is even more interesting is that many of these offerings are below investment grade."

Despite their mouth-watering yields, commercial mortgage securities are not for everyone. These can be fabulous for smart investors, but they could be dangerous for people who don't understand the complexities," said Andrew Stooe, a senior manag-

ing director at Daiwa Securities America. Commercial mortgage securities make up one of the fastest-growing markets on Wall Street. With the growing acceptance of the notion that commercial real estate values have hit bottom, about \$12.2 billion in commercial mortgage securities were issued in 1992, up from \$4.3 billion in 1991 and \$920 million in 1990,

according to Prudential Securities Inc. This year's number will probably be higher, as private securities issuers rusb into the market to take up the slack left by Resolution Trust Corp., the federal agency that disposes of the assets of failed

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As Phone Firm Debuts in Tokyo, Some See a Trend

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - The Tokyo Stock Exchange will witness a relatively rare event on Friday - the initial public listing of a fast-growing technology start-up.

The start of trading in DDI Corp, a long-distance and cellular telephone company, is part of a revival in initial public offerings that is beginning in Japan as the stock market seems to have recovered somewhat from its slump of the last two years.

Numerous companies in Silicon Valley and other high-technology bastions of the United States go public, a rite that in some sense marks their coming of age. But in Japan, there are relatively few such success That is because many talented people will not leave

there is relatively little venture capital in Japan and it is more difficult to go public than in the United States. Brokerage firms are hoping the appeal of DDL

their established company to start a new one because

"It's the purest play in telecom, in cellular," said Peter Wolff, technology analyst with Kidder, Peabody & Co. in Tokyo. "This is going to be the hottest issue

A successful reception for DDI would also lay the groundwork for a much bigger public listing in October of East Japan Railway Co., one of seven companies formed when the national railroad system was

privainzen.

DDI was the creation oot of venture capitalists but of an already established company, Kyocera Corp. In 1983, Sachio Semmoto, an engineer with Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Public Corp., gave a speech on NTT's future telecommunications plan to the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce. Among those in the audience was Kazuo Inamori, the founder and president of Kyocera and himself one of Japan's most successful

With some parts of telephone service about to be which is one of the fastest-growing companies in Japanese history, will bring individual investors back to the stock market. Analysts expect the stock to be in the long-distance business. DDL whose name in

chairman and Mr. Semmoto as the senior vice

With its long-distance rates high to offset cheap local phone rates, NTT was somewhat easy prey. DDI grew explosively, following much the same path as MCI Corp. in challenging American Telephone & Telegraph Corp. in the United States. It is now the largest of three alternative loggetherapy providers.

largest of three alternative long-distance providers.
In the financial year ended in March, parent-company revenue, mostly from the long-distance business, rose 15 percent, to 230.7 billion yen. Net income

climbed 8 percent, to 13.4 billion yen. DDI has recently been expanding into cellulartelephone service through its majority ownership of

eight cellular companies.
On a consolidated basis, which includes the cellular affiliates, DDI had revenue in its last financial year of about \$2.8 billion. Mobile-phone service, which has not yet become as widespread in Japan as in the United States, is expected to be the source of the company's growth in the years ahead.

Not everyone thinks the stock is a bargain. Shigern by the company's founders and officers.

bid up quickly to well above its initial listing price of 3.7 million yen, or about \$35,000 a share.

Japanese means the "second telegraph and telephone company," was founded in 1984 with Mr. Inamori as de Zoete Weld Securities, said he thought DDI "will the property of the company," was founded in 1984 with Mr. Inamori as not see further growth over the next two to three years." Both the long-distance business and cellulartelephone service are becoming more competitive, he said. Indeed, NTT says it will seek the early retirement of 10,000 employees as part of a plan to slim down to fight off the competition.

But John Baldwin, director of research for Jardine Fleming Securities, disagreed, saying DDI, and the would benefit from deregulation efforts now under way by Japan's government. "You could pay up to 8 million yen for this and not be doing that badly," he

Kyocera owns 25 percent of DDI's stock, and 5 percent is owned by Sony Corp., which was also involved in the founding of the long-distance company. Most of the rest is owned by a long list of banks. trading companies and other Japanese companies.

One way in which DDI's offering differs from those in the United States is in the small ownership of stock

Money **Pours Into** The Mark

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The Deutsche mark rode roughshod over major currencies Thursday, anging as a result of growing sentiment among money managers that the Bundes-bank will maintain a tight money policy, dealers and analysts said.

What the market is finally realizing is that German rates are oot

State Bank & Trust Co. "We're seeing some fundamental swings in sentiment among fund managers," said the head of currency trading at a U.S. investment hank in London

going to come down any time soon."

aid Stephen Smit, vice president at

The dollar fell almost a pfennig and a half to close at 1.6450 DM, from 1.6590 DM on Wednesday. The U.S. currency began the week above I.67 DM.

"Buy marks, sell something," said David Wilson, corporate deal-er at Girocredit Bank, describing the market's sentiment favoring the mark over most other currencies. The mark also rose strongly against the yen and European cur-

rencies, including those in the ex-change-rate mechanism, the Swedish krona and the pound. Lisa Pazer, currency analyst at See MARK, Page 12

Big Fish, Dwindling Pond Martin Marietta Rises Through the Ranks Only a handful of companies

By Lawrence Malkin national Herald Tribune

entrepreneurs.

BETHESDA, Maryland -Nothing outside Russia has been more sharply affected by the end of the Cold War than the incredible shrinking U.S. defense industry. And no company seems more likely to emerge victorious from restructuring than Martin Mariet-ta Corp., located on a leafy corporate campus here just a few miles around the Beltway from its prime client, the Pentagon.

Rather than cashing out or be-The Leader in Melense

ing forced out of defense like some of its competitors, Martin making unique weapons such as Marietta has almost doubled its nuclear submarines will be prosize by taking over General Electrie Co.'s aerospace division to become the largest U.S. military manufacturer.

Company executives said they were beartened by the Defense Department's "bottom-up" reannounced Wednesday, which leaves to the mercies of the marketplace surplus capacity in aerospace and allied Cold War companies competing with Martin Marietta.

taken a generation in Europe, now America's main competitor in the world military market, has begun here - with a difference. Defense specialists said the United States would avoid the

pattern of single national champions that has emerged in Europe through such companies as British Aerospace PLC, Thom-son-CSF of France, and Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm Gmbb in Germany, each limited to its own small home market unless it joins Taking advantage of America's larger size and military infrastruc-

tected as part of the defense

base, while the rest, said a com-

pany spokesman, will have to face "economic realities."

Thus the consolidation that has

ture, the specialists foresee a handful of large military producers organized around product specialties in the way Martin Marietta focuses on electronics. "You need competition for vi-

tality and innovation. Otherwise, you get bureaucratic arsenalization," said Murray Weidenbaum See DEFENSE, Page 15

France Backtracks On Renegotiating Blair House Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - The French government is moving toward a position of greater flexibility in negotiations over world farm trade, Agriculture Ministry officials said Thursday. They said the revised French po-

sition would aim at "modifying supplementing and interpreting" the 1992 Blair House agreement on farm trade between the United States and the European Communi ty, which has been strongly opposed by France and brought violent dem-onstrations among French farmers.

The new approach would try to make Blair House compatible with the reform of the EC's Common Agricultural Policy The U.S. Trade Representative.

Mickey Kantor, said Thursday that Washington did oot want to reopen the Blair House accord, "We sup-port Blair House," Mr. Kantor told reporters after a news conference, "The agreement will not be reopened." Mr. Kantor said the Uruguay Round talks were continuing and that negotiators would try to address France's concerns.

The French officials said Thursday that France, rather than opposing any limitations whatsoever on the volume of EC exports, a posi-

chance of being accepted by other stress a more flexible stance on the question in connection with continuing world trade talks under the auspices of the General Agreement

on Tariffs and Trade. The director-general of GATT, Peter Sutherland, has set a Dec. 15 deadline for winding up the Uru-guay Round of world trade oegotations, which has been running for

more than six years.

The Blair House agreement, reached in talks in Washington last November, calls for some limits on farm output, exports and subsidies, but France fears it would reduce French farm income to an unacceptable extent. It provides for a 21 percent cut in the volume of EC

subsidized farm exports.
As one example of possible mod ification of the Blair House deal, the French Agriculture Ministry officials said the United States and the EC might be persuaded to accept a ceiling on EC imports of U.S. corn-gluten feed coming in duty-free, with any imports beyond that ceiling paying duties applied

(AFP, Reuters, Knight Ridder)

Murdoch Envisions TV 'With Worldwide Reach'

By Barry James

onal Herald Tribune Rupert Murdoch, the media tycoon, has announced plans to launch new satellitetelevision channels with global reach, including an all-news octwork that will compete head-on with Cable News Network and the British Broadcasting Corp.'s World Service.

In a speech in London late Wednesday, Mr. Murdoch, exuding confidence after emerging from a deep financial crisis, gave a beady picture of bow be expected broadcasting to develop oow that be controls satellites spanning the entire world.

"We will introduce a wide range of new

Without giving details or any kind of time-table, Mr. Murdoch added that his ambitions included "the creation of new channels with worldwide reach.

14-channel pay-TV package identical to services already available in the United States.

Such as the Family Channel, headed by Pat Robertson, the television evangelist, and an all-shopping channel. The rest of the package includes channels dedicated to old U.S. access to virtually all of the world's television provier and TV series country music. movies and TV series, country music, pro- markets.

programming including an opeo university grams for children and pop video. Apart and educational chancels," be told an audifrom sports, the programming contains little ence that included Prime Minister John Major.

The success of the package depends on how many people can be persuaded to part orldwide reach."

with £20 a month for the entire range of the Mr. Murdoch was in London to is unch a channels. Only 15 percent of homes in Brit-

He said the projected news service, which will be extended to southern Africa next month, would be based on Sky News, a 24-bour satellite service that is half-owned by Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. and broadcasts to Britain, Ireland and northern Europe.

"Plans are well advanced to take Sky News, or a parallel service, to all the continents of the world, where we will be seeking local partners, both national and regional."
Mr. Murdoch said.

Separately, News Corp. said Wednesday that it would buy the fifth-largest U.S. computer databank, Delphi Internet Services Inc., for an undisclosed price.

Independent Lashes Back International Herald Tribun

The Independent oewspaper described as a low blow Thursday the decision of its rival, The Times, to cut its price to 30 pence from 45 pence. It accused Rupert Murdoch, The Times' owner, of subsidizing that paper with satellite-TV profits in an attempt to drive The Independent to the wall.
"Murdoch has decided to

crush his nearest rival," said The Independent

offering of stock that will expand its capital base and help it complete development of technologies to carry it into the 21st century.

The company, which also reported a 35 percent rise

get the right to buy one new share, for 130 pence, for program."

director, said the company expected its stock to fall because of dilution, though he had anticipated share discounting of only about 4 percent.

Rolls-Royce currently spends about 7 percent of its annual revenue on research and says it intends to stick to that level. Pretax profit climbed to £31 million (\$46.5 million)

in the first half of 1993, from £20 million a year earlier.

Rolls-Royce attributed the profit boost largely to exchange-rate fluctuations. The 1992 figure also mcluded a heavy charge for restructuring operations. Chairman Ralph Robins said that "the rights issue

Rolls-Royce to Make Rights Offer

LONDON - Rolls-Royce PLC announced Thursday that it is seeking to fill its coffers through a rights

m pretax profit Thursday, said that it planned to raise about £307 million (\$460 million) by selling new and enable us to maintain a strong balance sheet common shares to existing shareholders. Holders will whilst continuing with our capital investment

Revenue rose 7 percent to £1.75 billion from £1.64 billion in the first half of 1992.

get the right to buy one new share, for 130 pence, for 130 pence,

(Bloomberg, AFX, AFP, Reuters)

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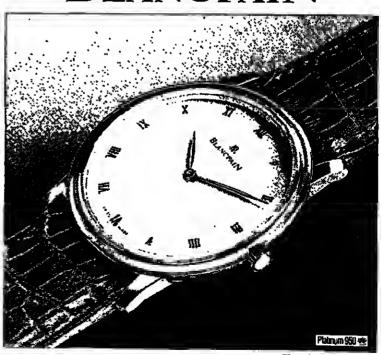
Lee Iacocca **Quits Board** Of Chrysler

NEW YORK - Chrysler Corp. said Thursday that Lee Iacocca was quitting as a direc-tor and chairman of the executive committee of its board.

Mr. Iacocca, best known for leading the turnaround of the troubled automaker in 1979, retired as Chrysler's chairman at the end of last year but had been expected to stay on the board until the end of 1994.

The 68-year-old former chairman will cootinue to work part-time as a consultant for the automaker for the remainder of his two-year contract. He is to serve as a consultant until Dec. 31, 1994, and be paid the \$500,000 annual salary be has received in the 8 months since retiring, a spokesman said.

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Blue Chips Falter As Bonds Surge

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK —Concerns about weakness in the American economy sent blue-chip stocks sharply lower Thursday, while bond prices extended their recent sharp gains.

Some of the small-stock averages advanced because the issues they track are not as exposed to the economies as the big shares in the Dow Jones industrial average. The small shares also are not subject to pres-

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sure from program trading, which helped push the blue-chips down.
The Dow lost 19,00 points, to
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the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered advances by an 8-10-7
ratio. Most of the broad NYSE ratio. Most of the broad NYSE averages were lower, but the Nasdaq over-the-counter index rose 2.50, to a record 746.65, while the American Stock Exchange index added 2.31, to 461.28.

The strong Amex rise came despite a sharp fall in gold, which depressed prices of the mining is-sues found on the exchange. The active December gold contract on the Commodity Exchange fell \$6.30 an ounce, to \$366.30. Its drop was an illustration of the growing weak that inflation was unlikely to be a problem in the near future.

about the pace of the recovery, said Michael Landry, president of MacKenzie Investment Management Inc.

Concern centered on employment. Although the Labor Department said state initial unemploy-ment claims last week fell 7,000. those receiving benefits rose 55,000. "People are still not finding jobs." said Fred Leiner, market strategist

There was speculation the August employment report, to be released Friday morning, would fail to meet earlier expectations of 145,000 jobs added to the economy. Stone & Mc-Carthy Research Associates said Wall Street firms were talking about growth of only 50,000 to 75,000 jobs. Adding pressure were com-ments by William Perry, deputy defense secretary, suggesting military spending cuts would cost "hundreds of thousands of jobs" at contractors. Infletion fears were quashed. The bellwether 30-year bond rose 21/32, to 102 29/32 in late trading,

slashing its yield to 6.04 percent from 6.08 percent. Amid the gloom on Wall Street. drug stocks rose on a Washington Post report that President Bill Clinton would not propose price conwas an illustration of the growing trols on health care. Merck was the idea that the U.S. economy is so most-active New York Stock Ex-

MARK: German Currency Soars

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MMS International, said West German industrial output data released Wednesday and a forecast Thursday from the DIW Institute of a 2 percent rise in 1993 gross

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domestic product showed that the bottoming out faster than many market watchers had expected.

In addition, she said, comments Thursday by the central bank president, Helmut Schlesinger, credence to the view that the Bundesbank will maintain rather than cut German interest rates in the short term of least," in order to

hold inflation in check. Mr. Schlesinger said that with German inflation still above 4 percent, "we simply cannol be satis-fied in the longer run."

Ms. Pazer said that trading Thursday was unusually heavy ahead of Friday's U.S. employment report. The market believes the report is likely to confirm its view, based on this week's very weak U.S. data, that the U.S. economy is

sluggish, she said. "I suspect that the dollar may have topped against the mark for

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change issue, rising 14 to 324. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI) financial consulting firm, Mr. Chandler turned bearish on the

dollar in May when the U.S. econo-

heart on Aug. 26, when the Bundes-bank left its key discount rate unchanged at 6.75 percent.
The mark firmed sharply against ERM currencies, as investors and dealers sold those currencies on the German economy appeared to be prospect that firm German rates bottoming out faster than many will hinder ERM countries from cutting their own interest rates. said Frank Pusateri, a dealer at

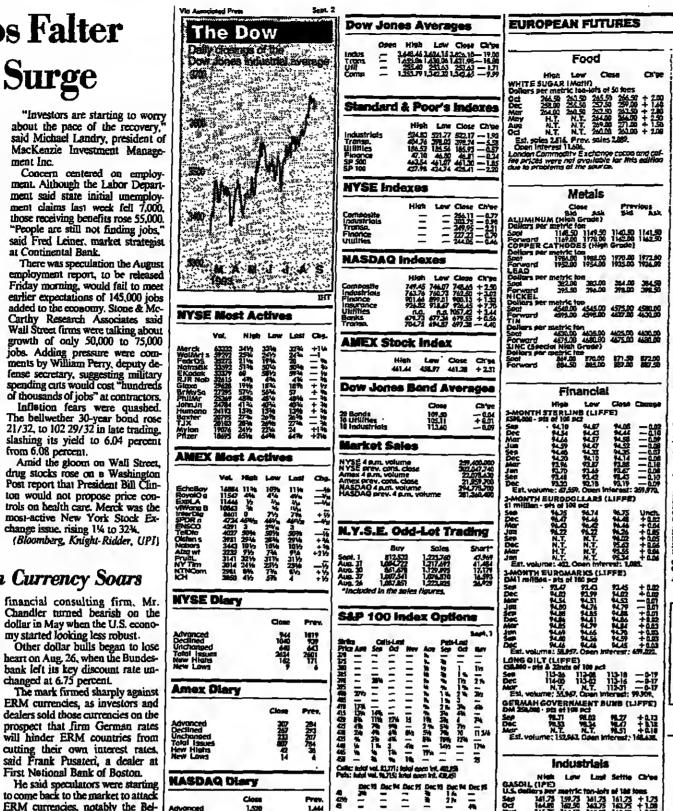
First Netional Bank of Boston. He said speculators were starting to come back to the market to attack ERM currencies, notably the Be-gian franc, but also the French franc, "as the argument for lower interest rates has not changed despite the ERM band widening. The ERM countries need lower rates

now to boost their economies." The mark rose to 3.5222 French francs from 3.5121 on Wednesday, to 4.9684 Swedish kronor from 4.9259 and to 21.5745 Belgian francs from 21.5432 despite an increase in key Belgian interest rates and market intervention by the country's central bank.

The German currency gained to 64.44 yea from 64.29. The pound weakened to 2.4701

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Texaco Aided in Russia Deal

NEW YORK — Texaco Inc. signed an agreement Thursday that will lessen its risk in restoring oil production in Russia.

Under the agreement, a federal agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corp., will gnarantee \$50 million and the Russian government will contribute \$25 million to an investment fund to back Texaco's \$80 million project to restore production of 150 wells in the giant Sutormin field. The fund is intended to help overcome the rejuctance of U.S. companies to invest in Russia due to the political uncertainties.

companies to invest in Russia due to the political uncertainties. PaineWebber Group Inc. launched the Russia Country Fu

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Factory Orders Plunged 2.1% in July WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The U.S. economy got

more bad news on Thursday as factory orders posted their steepest drop

in a year and a half and retailers reported anemic sales.

Orders fell 2.1 percent in July, to a seasonally adjusted \$250.2 billion, pulled down by plunging orders for aircraft and communications equipment, the Commerce Department said, it was the worst decline since December 1991 and the fifth in seven months. Orders had risen 2.9 percent in June.

In general, manufacturing has been weak this year, in part because domestic demand has been soft and also because recessions in Europe and Japan have cut into U.S. export sales.

Major retailers reported modest increases in August sales as weak

clothing purchases offset strong demand for appliances and consumer electronics. Shopper traffic in mails and stores was light, said Jeffrey Edelman, a retail-industry analyst with C.J. Lawrence Inc. Although the back-to-school season began during August, "there's been an ongoing trend to buy things more at the time of need," he said. (AP, UPI)

RJR Nabisco Expects Weak Quarter

NEW YORK (UPI)—RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. warned Thursday that it expected previously announced cuts in domestic cigarette prices to hurt its overall second-half earnings.

RJR said its tobacco unit's 1993 operating income before amortization of trademarks and goodwill could prove to be \$900 million below 1992's level of \$2.11 billion. RJR cut premium-cigarette prices this year to keep pace with its rival, Philip Morris Cos.

Dr Pepper Adopts a 'Poison Pill'

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos., concerned about a possible takeover bid by Cadbury Schweppes PLC, adopted Thursday a "poison pill" defense plan to thwart a hostile offer.

The move follows Cadbury's Aug. 20 purchase of 12.2 million Dr Pepper shares for \$231.3 million. The plan adopted by Dr Pepper would give shareholders a chance to buy additional shares at half price if the British company raised its stake further.

If that happened, Cadbury would have to pay significantly more to gain a controlling interest in Dr Pepper.

Barnes & Noble Plans Public Offer

NEW YORK (NYT) — Joining the fall rush to cash in on the appetite for new public stock offerings, Barnes & Noble Inc., the largest U.S. operator of book stores and owner of the B. Dalton, Doubleday and Scribner's bookstore chains, is planning to sell a stake in its future.

That future, the company says, is filled with almost 300 book super-

stores, which are fast becoming the libraries of choice for many readers.

The company said il planned to sell 8.2 million shares priced between \$16 and \$18 e share. That would raise around \$130 million, of which \$69 million would be used to fund the expansion of superstores. The remaining \$61 million would go to buy back preferred stock owned by an investment group managed by Morgan Stanley.

OVC Hires Former Fox Executive

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - QVC Network Inc. said Thursday it had hired Stephen Chao, former president of Fox Television Stations and Fox News, to produce shows and products for its Q2 cable channel.

QVC said Mr. Chao, who was fired last year by Rupert Murdoch after hiring a male stripper to perform at an industry conference, had been hired to bring a "distinct California point of view" to the shows.

Avon Stock Drops on Profit Outlook

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Avon Products Inc. shares fell 8 percent
Thursday after the company said it expected third-quarter earnings to be
lower than the year-ago 75 cents a share.

Avon shares fell \$4.625 to \$54.825 on the New York Stock Exchange.
The beauty-products company said earnings would be hurt by the
sluggish U.S. economy and higher costs.

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will give U.S. financial institutions the chance to invest directly in Russian companies, Reuters reported. The fund seeks to raise \$100 million.

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Madrid Seeks a New Social Pact Government Sees Deal as Only Way Out of Slump

LONDON - With Spain stuck in one of Europe's deepest recessions, the Socialist government has decided to change the laws that it believes are contributing to the economic malaise.

On Thursday, cabinet ministers, tradeunion leaders and employers are gathering at the negotiating table to do battle over the "social pact," an agreement that could turn out to be a milestone in Spanish labor history.
Although Spain lifted itself out of dictator-

ship after General Francisco Franco's death in 1975, its labor market is still dominated by regulations established during his 36-year rule. Those rules give many workers lifetime job security and guaranteed wage increases, benefits that long since have been eliminated in other parts of Europe. The trade unions jealously guard those rights and are powerful enough to mobilize masses of workers to light against any infringements.

A pacto social among unions, employers and the government, first raised after last June's parliamentary elections, is the govern-ment's primary tool for fixing Spain's economic slamp.

"Employers and workers are still living in two different worlds in Spain," said José-Luis Marquès, the personnel director at the Zaragoza plant of General Motors España. "The social pact could work for both sides in terms of better understanding, Also, it could help to bring Spain's productivity levels in line with other European countries."

After a decade of sizzling growth, gross domestic product in Spain is expected to shrink 0.5 percent this year. The nation also suffers from the worst unemployment in the European Community, with some 3 million

Spaniards, or 22.3 percent of the work force,

unable to find jobs.
Prime Minister Felipe González, who has been in power for 11 years but now heads a minority government, has publicly backed the three-party social pact as the remedy for

what ails the economy.

The social pact revolves around an agreement to restrict wage growth and reform the labor market to boost overall employment. The government outlined a broad agenda for

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José-Luis Marquès, General Motors España

the negotiations that started Thursday. It is keeping silent, however, about the degree to which it wants to erase workers' rights. But it is no secret what Spain's employers

want. They would like to get rid of rules that guarantee workers two years' pay and bene-fits, on average, if they are fired to save the company money. Spanish newspapers, politi-cal commentators and economists say the government is likely to push for this change. Trade unionists have made it abundantly clear that they find many of the changes under consideration unacceptable. Spain's two major unions, the General Union of Workers, which has strong links with the ruling Socialist party, and the Workers' Com-missions, or CCOO, which has traditionally

been allied with the Communist Party, intend to present a united front during the talks. Both unions have said the plan will do little to ease the nation's nnemployment.

To soothe them, the plan the government has been floating calls on employers and investors to make some sacrifices.

Among the few specifics of the pact that have been released is a proposal that unions accept pay raises of no more than 2.5 percent in 1994 and below-inflation increases in 1995. Any increases in 1996 will, under the pact. depend on the state of improvements in the

Spanish companies also would like to be able to lay off workers temporarily, to adjust production levels — a move that is currently impossible without union consent. Rules preventing companies from moving an employee or altering his job description without the worker's own consent are also high on the government's labor-market reform agenda. A top objective of the pact is to attract more foreign investment into Spain. That is more difficult, economists say, if wages are higher and labor-market regulations stricter

than elsewhere in Europe.

Spain's worker-protection laws are among the most rigid on the Continent. It is very hard — and expensive — for employers to fire workers.

Although the economy is shrinking, Spanish workers will enjoy average wage increases of about 7 percent this year, far above inflation, which is running at a 4.9 percent rate. In the past five years, wages have increased 50 per-cent, because of contractual clauses and an indexing system that link raises to inflation and ensure real-wage boosts of at least 2 per-cent for almost three-fifths of the work force.

Belgium Raises Key Rates to Save Franc's Peg to Mark

rates Thursday and intervened in the currency market to defend the weakening franc, in a show of cen-tral bank resolve to maintain Bel-

gium's strong-currency policy. The central bank raised its discount rate to 7.0 percent from 6.0 percent and the central moneymarket rate to 10.50 percent from 9.50 percent.

Its governor, Alfons Verplaetse, had on Wednesday reaffirmed the policy of keeping the Belgian franc pegged to the mark. He said the bank was prepared to defend the policy by keeping interest rates high.

In late trading, the franc traded at 21.495 to the mark, stronger than 21.542 Wednesday. Late in the day.

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BRUSSELS — The Belgian National Bank raised its key interest dent of the Bundesbank, said Helmut Schlesinger, the president of the Bundesbank, said Thursday that the Deutsche mark

and domestic interest rates must remain attractive to foreign investors because of Germany's need to finance its current-account deficit. AFP-Extel News reported from Frankfurt.

In a speech for delivery at a seminar in Friedrichshafen, he said: Germany must remain attractive for foreign investors as far as do-

But he also said: "We must not forget that the economy will recover Belgium's three-month interbank on its own," whereas "inflationary lending rate rose to 12.125 percent from 11.063 percent on Wednesday.

The closely watched 10-year bond yield spread over Germany rose past the key 100-basis point level to 107 basis points. Some analysts said Belgium's long term. But referring to stagna-ballooning budget deficit, heavy tion of producer prices in industry debt and system of indexing wage and special factors boosting con-increases to inflation, would con-sumer prices, he added: "It is true

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en expects Sweden's gross domestic product to rise 2,4 percent in 1994 after the economy shrinks 1.6 percent this year. Pharmacia will be the name of the medical company to be created when the Swedish food and drug concern Procordia AB is split in two. Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, AP, Reuters

Swiss Bank Doubles Income

ZURICH — Swiss Bank Corp. results have been released. Said Thursday that net profit had nearly doubled in the first half of the cent, to 4.378 billion francs, while

year, to 719 million Swiss francs (\$485 million), helped by a jump in trading and derivatives income. Net profit was up from an esti-

mated 364 million francs in the same period last year. Swiss Bank has decided to follow European Community accounting standards,

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gross operating profit rose 75 per-cent, to 2.176 billion francs. Chairman Walter Frehner said SBC would report a larger net prof-it for the whole of 1993 than 1ae

previous year's figure of 1.006 billion francs. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

RISK: Boom in Paper Backed by Commercial Property

loans this year.

Residential mortgages have long been made into packages of securities, but commercial-mortgage any of the loans fail to pay off. packaging is fairly new.

Many of the new securities are made up of loans bought from banks, savings and loans and insurance companies, which have continued to reel from bad real

The collapse of the commercial real estate market that followed the boom of the 1980s chased many investors out of the market, But in the last year or so there has been a surge of interest, both from investors who do not want buildings, but securities, and from

buyers of buildings who are bottom-fishing. Some of the professional real estate investors are

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savings and loans. The RTC was the largest issuer in the market last year, but it has packaged far fewer mortgages, especially those composed of delinquent or

The new securities deals are varied. Here are a few

• The RTC has issued \$14 billion in mortgage-

backed bonds, • In one of the more esoteric deals. Daiwa cut up \$193 million in mobile-home park mortgages into seven slices of securities ranging from a top slice, with a rating of AA by Standard & Poor's — its secondhighest rating — and a floating rate, down to two unrated offerings that were sold privately with undis-

Acquisitions Lift **Bowater Earnings**

LONDON - Bowater PLC, Britain's largest packaging company, announced Thursday a 64 percent jump in first-half pretax profit but said the faltering economic recovery

left little room for optimism. Boosted by acquisitions, pretax profit surged to £102.6 million (\$154.3 million) in the first half. Stripping out exceptional and currency gains, the results were in ine with market forecasts. But the gloomy outlook knocked 17 pence off Bowater's stock price,

which closed at 495 pence.

Rhône-Poulenc's Profit Slips, Scant Upturn Seen

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Rhône-Poulenc SA, France's largest chemicals company, said Thursday that it had an operating profit of 3.38 billion francs (\$579 million) for the first half of 1993, down 15.7 percent from the same period last year, and predicted that profit for the year would be less than in 1992.

"Unless trading conditions

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Zhu Urges Spending on Agriculture

BEIJING — China's economic chief has called for money to be spent on agriculture instead of new office buildings as evidence mounts that farmers are falling further behind in the race for prosperity.

The official press on Thursday quoted Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, on a tour of rural luner Mongolia, as saying money must pot be wasted on immecessary condirection projects.

"Money should be concentrated on key sectors like agriculture," said Mr. Zhu, who unveiled a 16point plan in July aimed at redi-recting billions of year from hotels, office buildings and huxury cars into priority sectors.

Many farmers lack sufficient money to buy perticide, fertilizer and other materials that are rising faster in price than their incomes. In the first half, the average farmer earned 423 yean (\$74), an infla-tion-adjusted gain of 7 percent, while the average urban income rose 13.5 percent to 1,116 years.

Farmer unrest has already erupted into violent confrontation in several places around the country. The official press has given dramatic accounts of the results of this tural poverty, of farmers dying or committing snicide because they

could not pay their taxes.

Also during his trip, which took him along the border with the Russian Far East, Mr. Zhu issued a warning against exporting take and low-quality goods to the incretive markets in the former Soviet Union. We must resolutely stop the scepage of fake and low-quality

goods across the border, which tarish the good name of our country and our people," he said.

While trade with the republics of the former Soviet Union accounts for only a small part of China's total trade, the growth is explosive, pro-viding export opportunities for Chi-

Thais Await U.S. Decision Ruling on Trade Will Affect Exports

Bloomberg Business News BANGKOK - The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, is expected to rule Friday on Thailand's bilateral trade status, a decision that will have broad impact on Thai exports. Thailand, with China and In-

dia, is on a priority list at the U.S. Trade Representative's Office for possible trade retaliation. Commies on the list are liable to positive action if the U.S. govtellectual-property protection or "Any kind of retaliation, par-

ticularly in the form of higher tariffs, would hurt our competitiveness," said Prida Tiasuwan, chairman and chief executive of Pranda Jewelry, one of Thai-land's largest jewelry exporters. Mr. Prida, who serves on the Board of Trade committee that has negotiated with the U.S. agency, said be believed Thailand would escape retaliation.

But if the United States is not

satisfied, it will "hit us where it hurts most, in jewelry and tex-The United States is Thai-

land's largest export market, tak-ing \$7.3 billion-worth of Thai al-property rights protection." goods in 1992.

David Gambrill, research manager in Thailand for Peregrine Brokerage, said he expect-ed Friday's ruling to improve

'Any kind of retaliation would

competitiveness.' Prida Tiasuwan, an

Thailand's stams by putting the country on a standard watch list. "As negotiations have gone on, the issues have gotten smaller, so the chance of tough action doesn't seem warranted," he said. "Politi-cally, the U.S. has bigger fish to fry in China and India."

counterfeit items. Last week, the cabinet also lowered tariffs on imported mo-Mr. Prida said Thailand's current government "has taken gen-

al-property rights protection." Until March 6, 1989, Thai law

did not recognize U.S. copy-

rights or pharmacentical patents.

Even after legislation was

passed, law enforcement officials took little notice. Counterfeit

tapes, designer-label clothing

and same-recipe drugs were sold

pretty intense negotiations over the past three years," said a U.S. trade official, who asked not to be identified. Thailand, he said,

"has shown its greatest sincerity

over the past eight months." Mr. Prida and the U.S. official

credited Prime Minister Chuan

Leekpai and Commerce Minister

Uthai Pimchaichon, both of

In July, the Thai cabinet

granted market exclusivity for

five years to U.S. pharmaceuti-

cals with patents issued before March 6, 1989. Police have also

shut down dozens of stalls selling

whom took office last October.

"This has been the subject of

on streets or in stores.

Is Not Considering **Discount-Rate Cut**

Mieno Insists BOJ

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Yasushi Mieno, the Bank of Japan governor, said Thursday the central bank was not considering a reduction of its discount rate for the present.

His statement was taken skeptically by some analysts, who are expecting a cut in the rate on BOJ loans to commercial banks --- currently 2.5 percept - as a way to boost Japan's flagging economy.

It also ran counter to a separate statement by Hideaki Kumano, deputy minister of international trade and industry, who said his ministry was expecting a discountrate cut. His boss, Trade Minister Hiroshi Kumagai, called for a num-ber of stimulative measures, in-

cinding a discount-rate cut, the Kyodo news service reported. But Mr. Mieno said: "We are absolutely not thinking of a discount-rate cut at the moment. It is inappropriate for us to adjust mar-ket rates," he added, "that are fall-ing on expectations of lower rates

due to the weak economy."

Some analysts said Mr. Mieno was trying to signal a downward revision in the Bank of Japan's out-

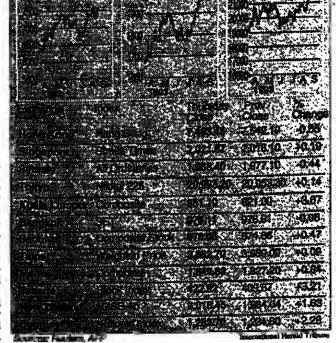
look for economic growth, "I get the feeling that the BOJ has revised its view of the economy," said No-buyuki Saji, economist at Nikko Re-search Institute. "He said he wann't considering a discount-rate cut, but I don't think that's the case."

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, seemed to confirm the idea that Mr. Mieno was talking about the outlook for growth. The official told Knight-Ridder that market interest rates could fall in response to the weak economy even without a discountrate cut: "The BOJ sees it as natural for interest rates to decline further, in response to the protracted domestic economic stagnation."

Mr. Mieno did say the BOJ had not changed its view the economy would start recovering in the second half of the year ending in March. But "the risk of a downturn is insing," he said.

In the government bond market, investors moved from long-term issues to medium-range obligations, possibly an indication that they were expecting lower interest rates.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UP1)



Very briefly:

Investor's Asia

Japan Air Lines said it would transfer part of its aircraft-maintenance operations to China with the purchase of a 10 percent stake in China's Taikoo Aircraft Engineering Co. The project includes plans to build a plant in the Chinese city of Xiamen.

 Japan's imports of color-television sets jumped 56 percent in July from a year ago, to 333,000 units, while exports fell 13.2 percent, to 252,000 units, due to reduced shipments to China, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Exports of videocassette recorders fell 9.2 percent, to 1.27 million units, while imports rose 24.9 percent, to 56,000 units.

 South Korea's automobile exports surged 37.1 percent in the first eight months of 1993 from a year ago, benefiting from the strong yen and from good performances in foreign markets, the Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association said.

• Mitsubish Estate Co., was placed on watch with negative implications by Standard & Poor's Asia Ltd., since recent investments were proving "more vulnerable than previously thought" due to Japan's weak real estate market. Standard & Poor's said that its review of the company. which owns many offices in Tokyo's central business district as well as the Rockefeller Center in New York, would be completed "shortly."

• Hong Kong's retail sales in June rose 12 percent, to 14.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.89 billion), from a year ago.

Sakura, DKB Ratings at Risk

TOKYO - Moody's Investors Service said Thurs- behind DKB's historically poor profitability. day it was reviewing the long-term credit ratings of Japan's Dai-tich Kango Bank Ltd. and Sakura Bank Ltd., the world's two biggest banks in terms of assets. The reviews, affecting a combined \$8.3 billion in debt and securities, will focus on DKB's domestic and overseas real-estate exposure and Sakura's nonperforming loans as well as the restructured loans and contingent risks posed by its nonbank affiliates.

"Sakura has a relatively high level of reported nonperformers in relation to its capital and this figure does not include restructured loans on which interestrate concessions have been granted," a statement said.

DKB had 54.6 trillion yen (\$521 billion) in assets at the end of March; Sakura's totaled 54 trillion yen.

Moody's said it would also examine the factors Affected by the review is the Aa3 rating of the senior debt, long-term deposits and long-term letters of credit of DKB and three guaranteed subsidiaries.

The review of Sakura affects the A1 rating for senior debt, long-term deposits and long-term letters of credit of the parent and lour guaranteed subsidiaries.

Also affected are the A2 subordinated debt rating of Sakura's unit in the Cayman Islands and the A3

Apple May Buy NEC Screens

TOKYO - NEC Corp. is negotiating with Apple Com-puter Corp. to supply color liq-uid-crystal-display screens for Apple's notebook computers, an officer of the Japanese elec-tronics maker said Thursday.

The move marks the first direct negotiations between the rival computer makers. The officer was commenting

on a report in the Nikkan Kogyo

uid-crystal displays to Apple starting in October at a rate of 5,000 LCD screens a month. Apple now buys screens from

paper that NEC will supply liq-

Japan's Sharp Corp. The screens are made at Sharp's plant in Ireland and exported to the United States to avoid antidumping duties imposed on Japanese manufacturers last year by the U.S. government.

AFX, AFP, Reuters

DEFENSE: Martin Marietta, With a Focus on Electronics, Leads the Dwindling Pack of Pentagon Contractors in the Post-Cold-War U.S.

of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, author of "Small Wars, Big Defense," and former chief economist of Boeing Co.

Martin Marietta's annual sales, including GE, total about \$12 billion, and it has a bulging order book with a backlog of \$28 billion. The combination of its operations with those of GE offers the possibility of the two companies integrating their markets in the various U.S. military services and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and reducing their overhead.

By concentrating on electronics, the fastest-changing and therefore most readily replaced military hardware on airframes or tank bodies that may last for decades, the company positions itself at the high end

gic planning by the company's dent Bill Clinton during the next chairman, Norman R. Augustine, four years, Mr. Augustine said that an aerospace engineer and former consolidation inside the defense Pentagon official. "He is the closest sector is the only way for the industhing they have in defense to a cor- try to go. Most independent anaporate intellectual who thinks about lysts agreed that defense contracthe industry as a whole," said Richtors lack the civilian marketing and ard Bitzinger of the Defense Budget mass production skills to survive in Project, a Washington research in-

Thursday afternoon.

hursday afternoon. "I am on record as saying back With the defeose budget down then that the industry would turn 29 percent since 1985, hardware around fast; Ronald Reagan would purchases down 58 percent, and leave office, we had already refurther declines projected by Presi-

the plowshare world, where they have a dismal record.

On Wall Street, it is hard to find any disagreement with his plans, Since the acquisition was unveiled in November, Martin Marietta's going to be, and some people were stock has risen by almost 50 percent from a low of \$57.625 despite an increase in its debt-to-equity ratio to 49 percent from 19 percent. It was trading at \$82.50 a share on

Sure enough, companies then selling for between \$1 and \$1.50 for every dollar of sales now are on offer for at most half their annual better than six weak ones, and they revenues, which at \$3 billion was usually have half-full factories inwhat GE Aerospace cost Martin-Marietta. For the strategy to work, other companies have to be willing to sell. General Dynamics Corp. they'll do anything to stay alive. has become a seller and is returning. They submit crazy bids because that they submit crazy bids because they are they submit crazy bids because they are they submit crazy bids because they are the are they are the they are the are they ar capital to its stockholders — whose they know they're going out of shares quadrupled during two business anyway. I call it the law of years of its policy of "monetiza- the cross-eyed discus thrower. They tion" of its assets.

er high-dependency defense compaof all Pentagon prime contracts: the explosion of a Martin Marietta

wait to buy defense companies would hurry up and merge into a when they were a real bargain." would hurry up and merge into a handful of healthy companies instead of nervously eying each other,

hoping a competitor would sell first. Three strong competitors are seldom win a gold, but they sure In addition to these two, five oth- keep the crowd on its toes."

The recent disappearance of two

economy was in deep trouble. It Grumman Corp., Lockheed Corp., Titan rocket has left Mr. Augustine was a window of opportunity to get a healthy balance sheet, not take throp Corp. and Raytheon Co. Mr. company's image. Most of the flak too many fixed-price contracts and Augustine said he wished the rest burst around NASA, not Martin Marietta. He recently emerged from a meeting with Air Force officials here remarking that such things happen all the time with other electronic equipment "but they

don't make the front pages." Specialists say expensive, highprofile experiments are likely to be replaced by smaller, more regular, less risky space probes, but this does not disturb Martin Marietta. "Rockets are like heart surgery," he said. "You want to go where they do a lot of it, for efficiency and low cost." Martin Marietta, a descendant of Glenn L. Martin Co., formed by one

of aviation's pioneers, began quietly

But by most accounts, the future

market of military companies will be similar to their past, although the customers may be different. Said Wolfgang Demisch, defense analyst at BT Securities, "The lack of any New World Order is bullish for defense production, since small countries have to defend them-selves and the U.S. has the infrastructure and support systems

while many countries do not." The United States now has about

of putting the stuff on the airframes, because it changes, and they don't," your ventures for specific projects Mr. Augustine said. Moreover, some that share technology and markets, of the technology can be applied by but not permanent consortiums in governments to civilian uses such as which, he said, "the companies airport guidance and postal sorting. tend to pile on top of each other."

> because defense, he said, is subject to national policy, "and the last thing you want to do is hand out weapons the way you hand out

Because of its large market and wider variety of weapons on offer, Robert Paulson, a defense specialist with McKinsey & Co., said the United States was likely to retain its dominance. Another reason, he 60 percent of the world market for said, was America's insatiable de-international military transactions, mand for advanced technology to moving out of airframes into elec- although that has been temporarily cut casualties with such weapons as

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SPORTS BASEBUL

Giants' Pinch-Hit Homer in Ninth Beats Braves, Chisox Keep Rolling

Fresh From Minors, Rookie Saves the Day

By William Gildea

Washington Past Service
ATLANTA — In a fiction-like turn of events, John Patterson turned his first at-bat of the season into his first major league home run, the pinch-hitter's ninth-inning shot lifting the staggering San Francisco Giants to an improbable 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Patterson, a 26-year-old rookie second baseman, had been activated from the disabled list earlier Wednesday after being recalled from an injury-rehabilitation as-signment at Class A San Jose. He had missed virtually the entire summer after undergoing off-sea-

son shoulder surgery.

The switch-hitter, batting left-handed, bit his drive well inside the foul pole in right field off reliever Mark Wohlers. It enabled the Giants to regain a 41/2-game advantage over the second-place Braves in their National League West race. The Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium crowd of 49,290, which pushed season attendance to a franchise record 3.101,768, was stunned.

All night, the Braves' fans had been watching — and booing — San Franciscn's Barry Bonds. From him they might have expected this, but instead Bonds went zero for three with a walk, although he was one of the first at the top of the Giants' dugout steps to greet

Patterson broke up a tense game in which the Giants twice rallied to tie. It made a winner of reliever Mike Jackson, and most significantly ensured that the Giants would escape this week's pivotal three-game series with breathing room.

they managed to get Robby Thompson to third base but could not get a run even when Smoltz drove in two runs and Terry Mul-uncorked his wildest pitch of all — a heave to the backstop that car-omed like a bank shot directly back drove in two runs and Terry Mul-holland pitched a six-hitter as Phil-adelphia won in Chicago. Mike Harkey had a one-hit shutto catcher Damon Berryhill. The Braves, however, took ad-

vantage of a wild pitch by left-NL ROUNDUP

handed starter Bryan Hickerson in the fourth. It was the way things had been going in the last two Braves-Giants series. Fred McGriff drew a two-out walk, advanced on the wild pitch and scored on a sin-

gle by Terry Pendleton. The Giants fied in the fifth on a two-out double by Willie McGee and a single off the left field fence by Matt Williams. But then the Giants appeared to be victimized by an umpire's call. Fielding the ball quickly in left field, Ron Gant threw out Williams at second, al-though replays showed him safe.

The Braves moved ahead, 2-1, in the sixth on a single and a stolen base by Otis Nixon and a double by Jeff Blauser. It could have been worse, but the Giants' manager, Dusty Baker, brought in left-hand-ed reliever Kevin Rogers, who struck out McGriff and got David

Justice to ground out. The Giants tied it at 2 in the seventh. Jeff Reed doubled. Pinch runner Steve Scarsone was sacrificed to third by Mike Benjamin. and scored on a bloop single by Dave Martinez. Smoltz escaped further damage by retiring Thomp-son and McGee.

San Francisco's pitching staff, The Giants looked frustrated supposedly inferior to the Braves' simply trying to score a run in the second and third innings. In the Patterson was called upon by Baksecond, they failed to manufacture er, a decision that emphatically anything from a double, two walks stopped the tomahawk chop, at and two wild pitches by starter least for a night, in Atlanta.

Press reported: Phillies 4, Cubs 1: Jim Eisenreich

out until the Phillies, who fell be-hind, 1-0, on Steve Buechele's 12th homer in the fourth, struck for two runs in the seventh. Dave Hollins singled in one run and the other scored on Eisenreich's sacrifice fly. It was the 149th straight game in which the Phillies bave not been

shut out, one short of the modern NL record set by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1924-25. The AL record is 308 games by the New York Yankees 1931-33.

Astros 3, Mets 2: Scott Servais singled in the winning run in the seventh as Doug Drabek snapped a carper, high, seven-game losing career high seven-game losing streak and visiting Houston beat

New York for the eighth time in

Cardinals 7, Reds 4: Todd Zeile hit a two-run single and Bernard Gilkey followed with a two-run homer to cap a five-run seventh that beat Cincinnati in St. Louis. Pirates 5, Dodgers 1: Rookie Al Martin drove in four runs and rookie Steve Cooke scattered eight

hits as Pittsburgh, playing at home, beat Los Angles.
Cooke (9-8) pitched his third
complete game of the season and
won for the fourth time in five decisions. He has the most wins by a Pirates rookie lefthander since

Woody Fryman went 12-9 in 1966. Padres 13, Marlins 5: Archi Cianfrocco, Jeff Gardner and Derek Bell paced a 17-hit attack with three hits each for visiting San Diego. Expos 11, Rockies 3: Scan Berry homered twice and Dennis Martinez pitched eight innings of five-hit ball in Denver as Montreal won its



Rickey Henderson, stealing second, also howeved in Oakland as Toronto won its fourth straight.

Chicago's Victory Drops Yanks 21/2 Behind Toronto

Attention has been focused on the National League West this week as San Francisco and Atlanta er contenders.

But, quietly, the Chiesco White Sox have started to make a nonrace of it in the AL West. Their 5th straight victory and 10th in their last 13 games, 5-3 over the Yankees on Wednesday night, maintained their 515-game lead over Texas. New York fell 216 behind Toronto. Except for Philadelphia's 10-ame lead in the NL East, no other first-place team is breathing as easy

"Yeah, it seems that way," tight-hander Jack McDowell said after winning for the 9th time in 10 decisions. "You pop a game here and there, and it's tough to come back. We're just trying not to give games away. If we play consistently the way we should, we're not going to have any prolonged losing streaks."

The White Sox beat the Yankees for the second straight day and just the 4th time in 1) games this season. New York won the series in Chicago last week.

The Yankees have embarrassed us this year," said Frank Thomas, who hit his club-record 38th home run in the third. They took two of three at our place last week, and we said we had to come in here like gangbusters.

Thomas drove in the winning run, his major-league-leading 113th of the season, when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the eighth and the score 2-2. run in the fourth with a ground out

single. After a sterifice and a strikeout, Paul Assemmeher integ-tionally walked Tim Raines but anintentionally walked Joey Com play their showdown series. The hob Wickman relieved, and his so and pitch hit Thomas in the left storehoard-watching sace between Toronto. New York and three others. a two-run single. __! get it." Thomas said. That was

AL ROUNDUP

O.K. We'll take it. It stung seal quick, but it wasn't that bad. Blue Jays S. Athletics 3: Richey Henderson led off a game with a homer for the eighth time this seeson and the 63d time in his camer as Toronto won in Oakland.

The Blue Javs jumped to a 5-9 lead in the top of the third on a three-run bomer by backup catcher Rancy Know on the way to their

fourth straight victory.

Toronto starter Juan Guzman
went 8% innings, allowing five hite with six strikeouts.

Rangers 9, Red Sox 7: First base-men Mo Vanghn's error and Mile Ripken's double gave Texas two runs in the top of the 12th in Boston. The Rangers took a 7-5 lead as inning earlier on a two-run single by pinch-hitter David Hulse, but the Red Sox tied with a bases-loaded fielder's choice by Scott Fletcher

and Ripken's error at third. Texas used 10 pitchers, one short of the major league record set by Seattle in a 16-inning game last Sept 25.

Orioles 5, Angels 1: Ben McDon ald snapped a personal four-game losing streak with a four-latter, striking out a career-high 10, as Baltimore won at California. Chris Hoiles drove in the first

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and the last in the fifth with a McDonald did not allow a base runner until he issued a leadoff

walk to Chili Davis in the bottom of the fifth, and Davis later scored the Angels' run. Brewers 7, Royals 1: Jaime Na-

varro threw a seven-hitter for his fifth complete game and B.J. Surhoff drove in three runs, two with a double in the bottom of the first as Milwankee beat Kansas City. Milwankee added five runs in the third to knock out Chris Haney.

Mariners 9, Tigers 3: Ken Grif-fey hit his 40th homer of the season and Dave Fleming threw sevenplus scordess innings as Seattle, playing at home, beat Detroit." The two-run homer in the first tied Griffey for the major-league

lead with Texas's Juan Gonzalez. and Mike Blowers followed with a solo shot as the Mariners took a 5-0

The Tigers got all their runs in the ninth off reliever Brian Holman, the last two scoring on a sin-

us 12, Twins 7: Felix Fer-

College Football's Top Teams and Players in the '93 Season

By William N. Wallace New York Times Service

With the college football season getting fully underway, here are assessments of several conferences and of the leading teams and players.
ATLANTIC COAST

CONTENDERS: Clearly Florida State, Then Clemson.

LONG SHOT: North Carolina, if seven new defensive starters perform well. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: QB Charhe Ward, the Seminoles' brilliant athlete. Clemson expects 1,000 yards from RB Rodney Blunt, thanks to blocks from G Stacy Seegars, who weighs 320, Maryland's season will ride with RB Mark Mason. State has aces in DB Corey Sawyer and LB Derrick Brooks. Wake Forest LB Kevin Giles averaged 11 tackles a game. Add DL Carl Reeves, North Carolina State. PIVOTAL GAME: Clemson at Florida State, Sept. 11.

BIG EAST CONTENDERS: Miami, Syracuse. The Orangemen were only 3 yards short of scoring the winning touchdown against the Hurricanes last Nov. 21.

LONG SHOT: Rutgers. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: QB Frank Costa for Hurricanes' new offense. QB Marvin Graves makes the Orange a nation-

al championship contender. Others: QB

Glenn Foley and TE Pete Mitchell, Boston College; RB Bruce Presley, Rutgers; WR Shelby Hill, Syracuse; T Tre Johnson, Temple; C Jim Pyne, Virginia Tech.
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS; Miami

expects Darrin Krein to provide the pass rush, Kevin Mitchell at nose tackle is the Syracuse keystone. The best defensive back might be Virginia Tech's Tyronne Drakeford, Syracuse's Dwayne Joseph or Rutgers' Jay Bellamy, PIVOTAL GAME: Syracuse at Miami,

BIG EIGHT CONTENDERS: Colorado and Nobraska again, with the edge to the Corn-buskers. Oklahoma has fallen back. s, provided the Ja

Burns, Okiahoma State; LB Ron Wool-fork, Colorado; S Jamie Mendez, Kansas State; DE/LB Trev Alberts, Nebraska. PIVOTAL GAME: Nebraska at Colora-

BIG TEN CONTENDERS: Michigan, Maybe Ohio State, again starting an untested

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Wolver-

hawks field a competent quarterback. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Nebras-

ka's RB Calvin Jones may lead nation in rushing. QB Cale Gundy, starting a fourth season, is Oklahoma's one gem. Colorado WR Michael Westbrook is fast and big, as is Kansas TE Dwayne Chandler, KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: LB Keith

ine RB Tyrone Wheatley is a Heisman candidate. Everyone likes Northwestern WE/KR Lee Gissendaner and his QB, Len Williams, is all-Big Ten. Include Michigan WR Derrick Alexander and Michigan State RB Craig Thomas KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: DL Lou Benfatti and DB Shelley Hammonds of Penn State; DT Dan Wilkinson, Ohio State; LB Dana Howard, Illinois; NT amark Shackerford, Wisconsin.

PIVOTAL GAME: Michigan at Penn PACIFIC-10 Cal, which has John Robinson back as coach. Washington has been taken out of the running by its off-field violations.

LONG SHOT: Stanford, if QB Steve Stenstrom gets protection and a new defense can halt the foe. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: NUTY RB Napoleon Kaulman is indispensable for Washington. Stenstrom is the class of the Pac-10 quarterbacks. Tony Boselli of Southern Cal and UCLA's Vaughan Parker are bookend tackles. Oregon's

barefoot kicker, Tommy Thompson, will win some more games. KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: NT Rob Waldrop and DE Tedy Bruschi are keys to

quarterback, and Penn State, which is Arizona's formidable defense. Other aces rebuilding.

Arizona's formidable defense. Other aces are DE Willie McGinest of USC: Stanford are DE Willie McGinest of USC; Stanford CB Vanghan Bryant, and Washington State LB Anthony McClanahan PIVOTAL GAME: Southern Cal at Ari-

2001A, Oct. 2. SOUTHEASTERN CONTENDERS: Alabama, the defending national champion, which lost its defensive stars to the pros; Florida, loaded with returnees, and Tennessee, led by a

challenger long ago. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: There PIVOTAL GAME: Texas at Texas A&M are many like Shuler and Zeier; C Tobie on Nov. 25 is as good as any. Their mutual CONTENDERS: Arizona Southern Shells, who opens up the Alabama run-

ning game; Florida RB Errict Rhett; Alabama WR David Palmer, and Georgia OT Bernard Williams KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: DE Kevin Carter is the best of several Florida

standouts. Top LBs are Georgia's Mitch Davis and Kentucky's Marty Moore. Best DB will be Bama's Antonio Langham. PIVOTAL GAME: Tennessee at Florida, Sept. 18, could decide the Eastern division victor. Alabama plays the Vols on Oct. 16 at Burningham, also the site on Dec. 5 of the S.E.C. championship game between the division winners. SOUTHWEST

CONTENDER: Texas A&M, 12-0 last

year until defeated by Notre Dame in the

LONG SHOTS: All the other seven. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Texas Tech's WR Lloyd Hill and RB Byron Morris. A freshman QB, Shea Morent, is on a pedestal at Texas. Houston QB Jimmy Klingler produced 342 yards a game

last scason. KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Winfred Tubbs, Texas LB, and Aaron Glenn, Texsuperb pass-or-run QB, Heath Shuler.

LONG SHOTS: Georgia, because of its candidates. Also count Scotty Lewis, Baylor DL, and Chad Patton, Southern Meth-

distince goes back a long way INDEPENDENTS

CONTENDERS: Notre Dame is the only one in contention for national honors or a major bowl bid.
LONG SHOT: For a bowl bid? Louisville

or Memphis State. KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: QB Jon Kubiak and RB Jason Van Matre for Navy. QB Rick Roper could give Army a. passing threat. In Joe Allison, Memphis State has the nation's best place-kicker. KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Bernard Carter, East Carolina DE; Javier Zulusga, Navy LB; Mike Staid, Tulane S. PIVOTAL GAME: Notre Dame at Mich-

SIDELINES

Faldo, Lanner and Walton Lead in European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland (UPI) - Nick Faldo of England, Mais Lanner of Sweden and Ireland's Philip Walton shot 7-under-par 65 Thursday for a one-stroke lead over Peter Mitchell of England and Colin Montgomerie of Scotland after one round of the European Masters.

Bernhard Langer pulled out after seven holes because of an old neck and

Venables Sells His Stake In English Soccer Club

LONDON (AP) - Terry Venables, up Thursday his fight for control of the Tottenham Hotspur soccer club by selling his 23 percent stake for more than £3 million (\$4.5 million) "to a number of people."

He said he will continue legal action against the Premier League team and its chairman, Alan Sugar, for alleged breach of contract, damages and

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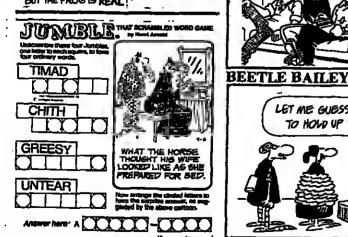
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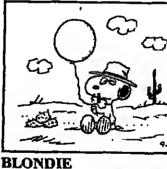
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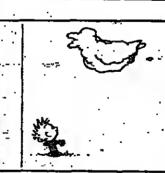








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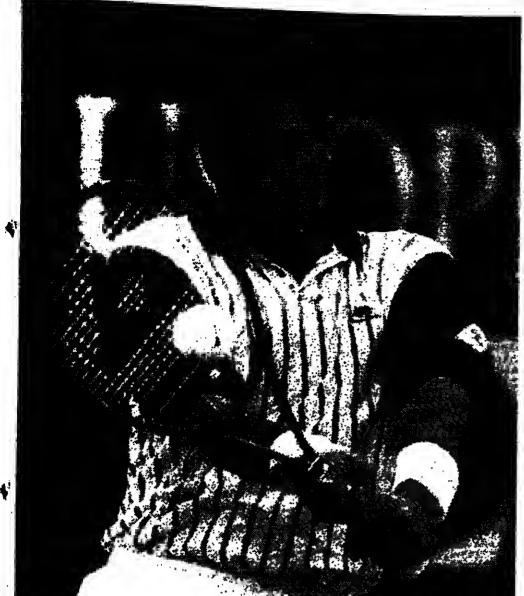
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Carl-Uwe Steeb was halted by a knee injury during his second-round match against Around Boetsch.

Sampras, Out-Aced, Still Gains 3d Round

day by Daniel Vacek of the Czech in 1989. Republic to move into the third round of the U.S. Open.

Sampras, the Wimbledon chammost aces. But although Vacek won kasov of Russia. Edberg was due to that battle, 24-17, Sampras had play Karel Novacek of the Czech more power overall and won, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

Playing before a stadium court Volkov split a pair of tie-breaks crowd that included the actress So- with South African qualifier Kevin and winning 91 percent of his firstserve points. Vacek, whose career includes a victory over the Open's defending champion Stefan Ed-berg, had nine double faults and won 77 percent of the points on his first serve.

Vacek broke Sampras to win the second set but had problems with his forehand throughout the match of the United States the first two and ended it by sending a forehand games, then raced to a 6-long, his 43d unforced error of the victory in exactly one hour.

day.
"The guy served huge," Sampras said. "Very dangerous player."

This summer I lost to a couple of serve-and-volleyers, and this gives me a lot of confidence for the tournament," Sampras added. "It was a good match to get under my

The spate of injuries and illness that has hit the Open continued. A knee injury forced Carl-Uwe Steeb of Germany out of his secondround match against Arnaud Boetsch of France, with Boetsch leading, 6-4, 6-4, 1-0.

Boetsch will play Sampras in the Thomas Muster of Austria, seeded No. 12, advanced to the third

NEW YORK — Pete Sampras over Aaroo Krickstein of the Unitovercame the 24 acces served Thursed States, a semifinalist at the Open

After a night of rain, the fourth day of the Open began under thick clouds, with fourth-seeded Boris ion who is seeded No. 2 at the Becker still waiting to play his first-Open, is usually the man with the round match against Andrei Cher-Republic. Russian 14th seed Alexander

phis Loren, Sampras kept his serve Ullyet before taking control, post-under control, double-faulting just ing a 6-7, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory to three times in the 2½-hour match Volkov, who beat Edberg here in 1990, next faces Israeli Amos

> Several women took places in the third round on Thursday, led by the second-seeded former French Open champion, Arantxa Sánchez

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Vicario of Spain. She spotted Linda Harvey-Wild games, then raced to a 6-2, 6-2

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round upset, received a sound 6-1, 6-2 thrashing from Katerina Ma-leeva of Bulgaria, who was not seeded this year after her ranking dropped to 21st.

Results From the U.S. Open Tournament

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Arricud Boetsch, France, def. Corl-Uwe
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Fourteenth seed Nathalie Tau- the second round by Natalia Zver- closed out a straight-set victory ziat of France was a 6-4, 6-1 winner eva, 6-4, 6-1. It was an earlier-thanover Kristic Boogert of the Netherexpected exit for Raymond, who a record-breaking 20-18 third-set reached the fourth round at Wim-tiebreaker. It was the longest tie-But Leila Meskhi of Georgia, bledon just after turning pro this breaker in U.S. Open men's singles, who sent seventh-seeded Jennifer summer and said she expected to and the longest in men's singles

> and sometimes, you know, I put too 1973. much pressure on myself to try to achieve those goals too fast," Ray-

But still around was the tourna- six double faults. Nestor eight. ment's luckiest loser. Argentina's And in the game-winning tie-Fernandez.

Gaidano, a loser in the qualify-ing rounds, reached the third round of the main draw by beating Emanuela Zardo, 6-4, 6-1.

Becker and Cherkasov got in only two points Wednesday night before the rains came. But while Lisa Raymond, the two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association women's champion in the Wilander worked overtime.

6-3; Kimiko Derie, Joson, def. Audra Keller, United Stotes, 6-4, 6-0; Mary Pierce (13), France, def. Nicole Arendi, United Stotes, 6-2, 6-4; Natiotla Zwareva, Belorus, def. Lisa Raymond, United Stotes, 6-4, 6-1.
Borbora Rittner, Germany, def. Sandra Cacchini, Italy, 6-1, 6-2; Karina Hobsudova, Stovakia, def. Daminique Monami, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4; Maria Jose Goldana, Argentina, def. Emonuela Zardo, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-1; Kimberty Pa, United Stotes, def. Sandra Cacle. United Stotes, 6-3, 6-2; Katerina Maleeva, Bulgaria, def. Leit Masskit, United Stotes, 6-1, 6-2. Natholie Touzia (144, France, def. Kristle

Capriati home with a huge first- crack the top 20 by the end of the since Biorn Borg and Premiit Lall of India played a 20-18 tiebreaker "I set very high goals for myself, in the first round at Wimbledon in

When the 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (20-18) match was over, Ivanisevic had 19 aces, Nestor 14. Ivanisevic had

Maria José Gaidano, who made the breaker, Ivanisevic cashed in his field only through the last-minute illness of the sixth-seeded Mary Joe failed to convert seven set points. "Every time I had match point, he played unbelievable," said

Ivanisevic, who finally closed out

the match with a ferocious forehand passing shot. "I'd rather win easier, but it is O.K.," the Croatian said. "It doesn't matter. A win is a win." Wilander, who won this hard-court Grand Slam tournament in

1988, won his first-round match

over Jaime Oncins, 7-5, 7-6 (7-2), 7-

6 (18-16). But Ivan Lendl retired with a knee injury while trailing Neil Bor-wick of Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 3-1.

The top women didn't have any trouble at all, with straight-set victories coming from No. 1 Steffi Graf, No. 4 Conchita Martinez, No. 5 Gabriela Sabatini, No. 8 Jana Novotna, No. 9 Anke Huber, No. 13 Mary Pierce and No. 15 Amanda Coetzer.

Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland, the women's 11th seed, won her second-round match, but tore a tendon in the little finger of her left hand while warming up for a doubles match with her sister, Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria. (AP, Reuters)

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YEW YORK - The government's story, which may be a lie, is that the scheme to make illegal loans of \$5 billion to Iraq was the work of five branch-bank employees in Atlanta. They worked for the Atlanta branch of Italy's Banca Nazionale del Lavoro with headquarters in Rome, and the deed was done back during the Busb administration when Washington still thought Saddam Hus-sein was one of the good guys. Five billion seems a considerable

sum for an American branch of an Italian bank to be dispensing without so much as an "O. K. by you?" to the home office in Rome, but the Justice Department says, believe it or not, that's the way it happened. Naturally, patrionic Americans will assume the government is ly-ing. That's because the government is supposed to lie about such mat-ters. Throughout the Cold War it-

dalous because it had to protect the national security. It was lying fur the public good. In protect the country the CIA was licensed to spread lies abroad. Never mind that the world had become so small that these patrioti-cally motivated lies would be circulating back to the U.S. before they

lied about matters far more scan-

Sometimes the CIA even had to lic, without official license of course, to Congress. Who had the loosest lip in America? Congress. Tell Congress what was up, and you might as well broadcast it to

Sure, lying to Congress was de-plorable, but sometimes it had to be lied to for good patriotic reason. Nnt all Americans, of course, reasoned this way, but enough did so that presidents could treat Congress with contempt and get away with it by pleading "national security."
Since the country has become

hardened to the assumption that the government is a frequent liar, has been the loss of faith in government as an honorable enterprise. This has strengthened the knownothings by reinforcing their slogan that "government is the problem, not the solution." Once a government is widely recognized as

a frequent liar, it is undeniably a

problem, all right.

It has also added to the growing public disgust with politics and government, which repels people rom taking part in public affairs. This amounts to subverting democ-

Moreover, it has created a corrosive cynicism. "Fool me once, shame on thee; fool me twice, shame on me," goes the old rule of self-preservation. Thus we are inevitably tempted to assume that Attorney General Janet Reno was not leveling with us last week when she defended the Justice Department's handling of the Atlanta bank loan to Iraq.

Last year, President Bush's attorney general, William Barr, declining to have an independent counsel investigate it, declared that Justice had handled it correctly. In effect, the Bush people insisted that branchbank small fry had engineered the large lean on their counsel that Iraq loan on their own and that Bush administration heavyweights had not conspired with Italy to arm Iraq before the Gulf war.

Federal Judge Marvin Shoob, who tried the Atlanta case, is skep-tical. Only "in never-never land," he said last week, could a small branch bank have carried out the loan scheme without the home office's knowledge. He has sentenced the five Atlanta employees to probation or home detention, saying: "It would be the height of hypocrisy to sentence these defendants as if this were a simple case of wrong-

doing by a branch's employees. It's depressing being forced to ponder that Attorney Geoeral Reno may not be giving it to us straight from the shoulder. Still, with speculation involving the CIA and an Italian government already in grave trouble, this is precisely the kind of matter in which the government has felt obliged to lic in the past for "national security." It's one more example of how

our Cold-War beritage corrupts and poisons relations between government and people. Campaigning for president, Bill Clinton promised a review of the Italian banking case if elected, Reno's statement last week said "a thorough independent investigation" had given justice no reason to

change its opinion. Case closed. Quit grinning. New York Times Service

A Living Legend? 'O.K., If You Say So'

PARIS — Link Wray's fingers were "zapped by God" in Fredericksburg, Virginia, when a light broke out oear the bandstand. Music was necessary to soothe ths savage truculence. Any music at all, only right now and loud. It might just as well have been "Dixie," but Link Wray and The Wraymen found a more appropriate bar-brawl groove, with guitar feedback burning through a menacing riff. Released in 1958 as "Rumble," the record sold 1.5 million copies and the rest, it really does say on his official bio, is "history."

If every press release from the beginning is a bype, there is no bype. Writing about rock, poetic license prevails. Obscurity is a form of renown, repeat the same licks long enough and you're a Hall-of-Fame flamekeeper, one hit and you too can be history.
At the age of 8, Link Wray, "The God-

father of Grunge," aka "the guitar growl-er" and "one of rock's raunchiest performers" was introduced to music and black culture by Hambone ("my mentor"), a circus musician in North Carolina. He learned to play the guitar and sing listen-ing to Chet Atkins and working bars and bordellos with his brothers Doug and Veroon. When he began to experiment with fuzz-tone distortion, he found himself in Godfather Country. Rock 'o' roll guitar

A Native American (he is nne-quarter Shawnee) as "Godfather of Grunge" is Oscar-class casting. However, he seems genuinely embarrassed by all the living legend talk ("O. K., if you say so"), and anyway such counsels are generally passed on to the tribe by way of elite brigades, leaving the chief prizeless.

Flash forward to 1971. Pete Townshend, recording in New York City with The Who, pulls his plug when this thin, unassuming, bespectacled longhair walks through the door and bows to him from the waist. According to Rolling Stone magazine, drummer Keith Moon tears off his clothes and runs around whooping "Rumble rumble rumble . . .

"This is the King," Townshend explains to a puzzled engineer. "Without him, I oever would have picked up a guitar," Back in the early '60s, bowever, Wray's tracks were not getting heavy airplay. "Rawhide" was a success of sorts, followed by a series of forgettable "Rumble" spinoffs. Something snapped when a pro-ducer tried to link him up with Mitch Miller's vocal choir and string section. Having lost a lung in Korea, Wray was

told be would never sing again. ("Rumble" was an instrumental.) He learned how to do it with one lung anyway, only to confront marketing plans to turn him into a crooner. Major record companies were always trying to get him to be something be isn't, or can't or does oot want to be. One day be walked out of a sad studio date swearing be'd never make another record and disappeared. Knowing how to disap-

pear, an instinct you cannot learn, is cru-

cial to the image of a living legend.

He settled on a farm in Accokeek Maryland, with an extended family and friends. After eight years of off the map tours leading nowhere, he surfaced with a "comeback" album called simply "Link Wray," recorded on prehistoric hardware in "Wray's Shack Three Track" studio, a wooden hut built by his father. There was no bass drum for a while, they stomped on the floor instead. A nail-filled tin can served as a surrogate cymbal. They put the speakers out in the yard and miked the window. Ecstatic reviews were poetically licensed: "the most excitingly raw rock you'll ever encounter," "primordial," "an album of massive power by one of rock's real unknown talents of the first magnitude . . . elements of black dues, gospel, rock, country and other forms woven into

Wray maintains that wherever he goes he travels the "narrow road" without drugs, alcohol and Satan — the road his mother always told him to take. He leaves the fast lane to others. The narrow road does not pass through Beverly Hills or Nashville, although it did lead to short collaborations with Boz Scaggs, Fats Domino and Ricky Nelson and a guest appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page paid homage to him. In the notes accompanying graph," Bob Dylan credits Wray with having invented heavy metal 10 years ahead of

almost brutal music." Then the producer, the money and Link Wray disappeared in

that order

Now 64, impressively energetic and opimistic, Wray is not exactly fading away. On the other hand, the world is not beating a path to his door. For the past 12 vears be has lived in Copenhagen, releasing primordial live recordings of sporadic European concerts on the Ace label. "Rumble" is still in his repertoire: "I'll play it to the very end, God gave it to me." In March, "Indian Child," his first recording on a major label in over a decade, was released by SONY-Denmark.

Wray attributes his radiance to mega-

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Link Wray, Godfather of Grunge, "never cared enough about being commercial."

doses of vitamins and a happy marriage to Olive, a Danish woman (they have a 10year-old son) who studies Aztec and Mayan civilizations and has taught him more about his ancestors than he ever learned growing up in Fort Brage, North Carolina. But she would also like him to sell some records for a change. "She can think commercially," he said, proud of her. "I guess I never cared enough about being commer-

cial." There were no visible signs of regret.
The reverb-soaked "Iodian Child" sounds like it is coming from a remote reservation. The voice accompanies the guitar rather than the other way around. The territory is somewhere between Roy Orbison-cum-Ray Charles, a fuzzy Mark Knopfler and rockabilly Bruce Springsteen (with whom he jammed on a Copenhagen stage in 1985). Listening to this otherworldly, no-man's-land, eccentric, passionate, Jesus-driven merge, accompanied by a Danish band called Shaky Ground, evokes that old satiric rhetorical question:

"Can a blue man play the whites?" Last week he was in Paris commercializing in the offices of SONY-France. Wear-

ing an Elvis Presley T-shirt, a crucifix and biker's black leather, he talked about The Devil's Music and God: "Elvis was more educated than me, he finished high school. The young Elvis, the Sid Vicious Elvis, he opened the door for people like me. The cross is for the French farmers, the Somalians, for the little people big businessmen don't care about - for all the nobodies of the world

"Rock 'o' roll is everywhere, like Satan and Jesus. It used to be American, now it looks like it's in Denmark too. Hey, I'm in Denmark. But I'm an outcast, like Jesus was an outcast. I'm still just trying to be me. My 10-year-old son asks me, 'Hey, Dad, does Jesus God love rock 'n' roll?" And I say, Son, when Satan had me in the death-house taking my lung away, God picked me up and zapped "Rumble" into me. Sure God loves rock 'n' roll."

PEOPLE

Princess in Provence? Not For Now Anyway

Someone has bought Jose Yan Dam's house in the south of France. but it isn't Princess Diana. Agence Plama, the agency handling it, said it had sold the Belgian opera star's house - but "not to the princess," as Paris Match magazine had reported in its Thursday edition. The magazine said the princess paid 10 million francs (\$1.7 million) for the rambling country home near Saint-Remy-de-Provence, raising horrific visions among the locals of paparar-zi and other star-gazers descending on the town square.

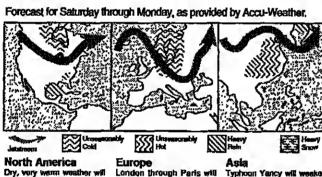
The film director Stanley Dones is off to the rescue. He will direct his first Broadway show, a new Jule. Styne musical based on the classes 1948 hallet movie, "The Red Shoes." Donen replaces Susan Schalman, who has been dismissed by Martin Starger, the producer because of "creative differences" — a phrase that usually means a show is in trouble. Donen, 69, was co-chorcographer with Gene Kelly of 1940s musicals, and in 1949 he directed and choreographed "On the Town."

Two members of the Venice Film Festival final made it into town, but not without some difficulty. Sidran Abdullah, a Bosnian screenwriter, managed to fly out of war-shattered Sarajevo to reach Venice after the gala opening. The African-director Mohamed Camara, a last minute addition to the jury, was stopped by customs officials, ac-cording to the news agency ANSA because he was traveling with a one-way ticket, from Paris, and without his official invitation.

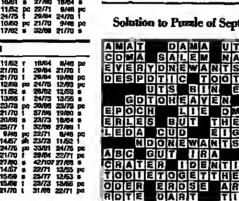
The comence novelist Danielle Steel has gone to court to stop a biographer from using material about her son. The suit, filed in San Francisco, claims that Lorenzo Benet, a People magazine writer who is doing the biography with Vickle Bane, illegally obtained a file that was part of a 1985 custody battle between Steel and a former husband, William Toth, over Nicholas Traina, now 15. Benet says he obmined the report, legally, from Toth

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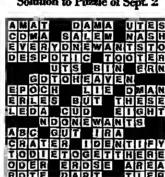
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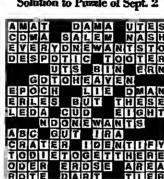
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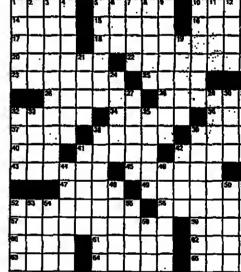
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